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Presid^{t}: & Gov^{r}: &c^{a}: Councill

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your [* . . .] wee recd: y^{e} 28th: Ditto: with a bill [. . .] Pag^{s}: 10000 Ship^{t}: on board y^{e} [. . .] these factories which is not [. . .] must declare it will not [. . .] our business according to your [. . .] of an early Ship home; for 2000 [. . .] ately disposed off to clear our [. . .] for our absolute necessary [. . .] wee leave your Hon^{r} &c^{a}: to [. . .] y^{e} business wee have in hand [. . .] they are soe backward, and [. . .] mony w^{ch}: through y^{e} tro [. . .] be procured at Interest, [. . .] supply of [2]0000 Pag^{s}: [. . .] Merch^{ts}: at both places have [. . .] their proportion in [. . .] to see by the [. . .] herewith wee remi [. . .] of Seer Cawn late [. . .] he required us to send [. . .] derr, to treat with [. . .] wherefore wee thou [. . .] should be first Jud [. . .] to be done therein [. . .] import ourselves [. . .]

Wee are in [. . .] that you, wer[e . . .] quires, and [. . .] was at y^{e} Fort as if [. . .] w^{ch} is y^{e} need-full at pres$^{t.}$ from

[Ho]no$^{ble.}$ S$^{r.}$ &c^{a}

Yo^{r} most humble & Obed$^{t.}$ Serv^{ts}

John Nicks,
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Translate of a Lett^{r}: from Ebrahim Cawn from Arrealloor: to M$^{r.}$ John Nicks Cheif for affaires of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hono$^{ble.}$ Comp^{a}: at Cuddalore No date

[. . injoy] good health and should be glad to hear y^{e} [. . .] Allumgeer has ordered me to y^{e} goverm^{t}: of thes [. . .] month and 14 dayes past I arrived here, where [. . .] [Mo]ther who acquaints me that you keep a [. . .] ondance with her, which I am very glad to [. . .] are a very understanding person and [. . .] favour shall want for nothing, I am ar [. . .] by Allumgeers ord$^{r.}$ to enquire into and [. . .] y^{e} Carnatta Country therefore, I desire [. . .] tanding ꝑson with my former [. . .] whom I shall discourse and [. . .] too, and if you haveing any bu [. . .] one, lately you wrote to my Mother [. . .] thirds w^{ch}: shall be done according to [. .] at pres^{t}: enlarge save to desire [. . .] ffreindship and desire often to be [. . .] of yo$^{r.}$ good health. [. . .] English [. . .] most beloved above all Lord [. . .] Emperour our Lord, under [. .] tinually submitted, [Us] as grand Govern [. . .] that ruled all y^{e} affairs [. . .] Empire doth advertice, [. . .] Madrasapatam that w^{t} [. . .] either to buy or to sell, is to [. . .] Alla Empire, if their arrivall [. . .] due Season, that they might [. . .] from one to y^{e} other place as [. . .] turn back in due Monsoon [. . .] at Seriam in Comp^{a}: with the [. . .] Jusuffoe and other Merch^{ts}: acqua [. . .] Nacoda arrived at Madrassapatam [. .] the English Govern^{r}, how y^{e} [. . .] as theifs and robbers, with [. .] togeather did committ piracy [. . .] y^{e} Gov^{rs}: have sent two men [. .] all w^{ch} news wee advised y^{e} [. . .] Pallace; whereupon was [. .] have to transport himself [. . .] monthly y^{e} Circumstances [. . .] of India Tenassary, and [. . .] excused, y^{t} y^{e} time did [. . .] the order of the Com [. . .] vour to destroy the [. . .] Seriam some Merch [. . .] foe, to repair y^{e} ship [. . .] and then at the nex [t . . .] and Merchantdizes [*sic*], [. . .] Certainly most loo [. . .] quaint it y^{e} Grand [. . .] we did according [. . .] sent hither to [. . .] she belonged to [. . .] our subordin [. . .] Grand Gov [. . .] [. . .] next opertunity and Monsoone [. . .] leave him to comply his duty in observe [. . .] Hon$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{a.}$ if they came, they may as [. . .] buy and sell at y^{e} port of Seriam and car [. . .] wares, and soe if they should mend wee [. . .] quaint it y^{e} Grand Govern^{rs} of the Imperiall Court [. . .] of wares and merchandise that can be asked [. . .] be had:

From Yo^{r}: ffreinds
The Gov^{r}: Benha Hebran
The Gov^{r}: Sadu Caminy.

Memorandum of y^{e} grand Govern^{r} of Seriam [. . .] M^{r} Burton Cap^{t}: of one of y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Ships to inform y^{e} Englsh Gov^{r}: of Fort S^{t}: George [. . .] Madrassapatam of y^{e} following Circumstances.

[. . .] according to y^{e} Comendation of the English [. . .] did assist the ship and her affairs,

[. . . when ships arrive at y^{e} port of Seriam for to [. . .] thought it necessary for them to goe to y^{e} [. . .] submitting themselves under y^{e} Golden [. .] eriall Majesty, but we directed our pe-[. . .] Govern^{rs}: of y^{e} Imperiall Court, that they [. . .] y^{e} Court, but finish their business at [. . .]^{br} came into this Haven Two ships.

[. . .] by o^{r}: overseers, therefore we sent to [. . .] as wee allwayes do, but they tooke y^{e} [. . .] and went out of the Haven, being some [. . .] from their Superiours and some people [. . .] and other Nations Joyn'd togeather to [. . .] ships that depart out of this haven [. . .] acted y^{e} same, and now they do itt [. . .] Cap^{t}: can inform y^{e} Govern^{r}: of [. . .] patam.

To Y^E HONO^BLE : ELIHU YALE ESQ^R, [. . .]

S^r

Since six dayes past when [. . .] has happen'd that is worth observat [. . .] his Journey to Vizapoor, and intend [. . .] ffort Sallampoore and send all his [. . .] all expect y^e Success of this busi [. . .] for y^e Mogull. An Embassador [. . .] every day with a great many pres^ts : [. . .] to y^e Mogull for a Phirmaund [. . .].

The Nabob Rohalla [. . .] past, y^e Hollanders went Yest [. . .]

Here is noe comerce or [. . .] one stone all people hiding [. . .].

Our silver is sold for [. . .] Abanus is gone with y^e Com[. . .] pis, reported we are still ex[. . .] about y^e business you kno[. . .].

S^r [. . .]

To Y^E HONO^BLE ; ELIHU YALE ESQ^R [. . .]

PRESID^T. & GOVERN^R : OF FORT S^T GEORGE &C^A COUNCILL.

[. . .] ing by sad misfort [. . .] in Bengall in the [. . .] escapeing y^e san [. . .] deprived of all [. . .] which she under [. . .] &c^a sufferance [. . .] humbly beg [. . .] house whereby she may be Capa [. . .] to [. . .] elyhood, as well as others, or otherwise if [. . .] England that yo^r : Hon^r : &c^a : will be please [*sic*] to [. . .] Conveniencies and Necessaries for y^e tedious [. . .] yo^r. petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray [. . .] $168\frac{7}{8}$.

LUCY FRANCIS.

Translate of a Lett^r from Mattavalum Vengana Naindoo to y^e Hono^ble : Elihu Yale Esq^r Presid^t.

[. . .] good health and should be glad to hear y^e like [. . .] Hono^r : I rec^d : Your Hon^rs : Lett^r : by yo^r : Egib Bramany [. . .] and observed y^e Cont^s : and understand from him [. . .] and just dealing with all men Yo^r : Hon^r ; wrott [. . .] peons y^t. were bringing Lett^rs : from Surratt, and [. . .] eer my washing place, and that if I would enquire [. . .] returned, yo^r. Hon^r. would keep your ffreindship [. . .] I have had a desire this Long time to have freind [. . .] you which my brother in Law Marradum Voarapa [. . .] suppose has informed you ; now by the Almightys [. . .] ding these Lett^rs. may be a means to continue & [. . .] ffreindship, which I am very ambitious off, I have [. . .] Lett^rs : by my Egib and Cheif Peon & 4 others [. . .] great troubles in y^e way, yo^r : Hon^r : will understand [. . .] Devapah and my Egibs discourses as well [. . .] with you, therefore shall not enlarge fur-[. . .] yo^r Hon^rs ; further Comands w^ch : shall to [. . .]eadily be complyed with.

[. . .] ESQ^R : GOV^R :
[. . .] FOR Y^E : R^T :
[. . .] EAST OF
[. . .] COUNCILL

Bombay Castle
Ultimo Nov^r : 1687.

[. . .] should indeed have wrott you long ago [. . .] business troubles and expectations [. . .] wee shall deferr no longer and for [. . .] to hear frequently from us on [. . .] nities.

[. . .] these to render our reall respects to y^e late wor [. . .] heartily wish him a happy [. . .] to his own desires.

Wee are [. . .] in his new imployn^t and heartily [. . .] Success as most highly become [. . .] what wee can for security of the [. . .].

N.B.—See footnote on page 1.

Wee have seaver^{l}· [*sic*] of yours [. . .] with many thanks, have been large, [. . .] with you as y^{e} time of their date y^{e} [. . .] last yo^{r} kindness wee shall now retall [. . .] of all affaires in these parts and [. . .] an answer wee will respond to.

The 25th of Aprill last [. . .] but it was y^{e} next day before we could get [. . .] London came to y^{e} Barrs foot y^{e} same day, [. . .] wee lay all night and y^{e} 27th: in the [. . .] and soon spoke to y^{e} Prud^{t} Mary [. . .] y^{e} London wee left ord^{rs}: with [. . .] leaveing y^{e} Modena at y^{e} rivers [. . .] and would sail y^{e} next day, her [. . .] Aprill in the Evening, y^{e} next day [. . .] and on monday y^{e} 2^{d}: of May [. . .] 4 ships of us y^{e} Welfare y^{e} [. . .] gott, and y^{e} Blessing, and y^{e} [. . .] found emrauld frygatt [. . .] her Comander dead at [. . .] from her tedious passa [. . .] was arrived some day [. . .] in that evening we lande [. . .] us and y^{e} news from [. . .] suspected and in [. . .] swally that it [. . .] that Orders can [. . .] all y^{e} arts and co [. . .] the Gen^{ll}· up to sur [. . .] ed being very de [. . .] kept fair on [. . .] ted, and y^{e} Gen^{ll}: stop'd from adven[turing] [. . .] advise from a private hand, who plainly [. . .] y^{t}· there was orders to seiz and secure him [. . .] keep fair in y^{e} best manner wee could and [. . .] ot at all concerned and when arrived here was [. . .] with y^{e} Siddy and failed not to complem^{t}: him [. . .] for wee found y^{e} Mogulls people were sett upon [. . .] tting us, & wee were resolved to deal as cunningly [with ?] them as wee could, y^{e} Ships that fell in from Bengall [. . .] as a fine and plaucible pretence for sending y^{e} Tonqueen ffriggotts away to y^{e} Gulph of Persia, for on y^{m}: all were laded suger &c^{a}: on acc^{o}: of Freight, and dispatched [. . .] to Gombroom y^{e} Ruby and Emrauld Sailed y^{e} 14th & y^{e} Tonqueen y^{e} 17th: D^{o}: Month Coppy of Cap^{t}: Wildys Orders we now send and Coppy of one of y^{e} ffriggatts orders, w^{ch}· will inform [. . .] as if wee had sent coppys of all, y^{e} 18th of May, wee [. . .] wellfare for England a well and full Laden [. . .] of May y^{e} London and Worcester friggatts sail'd [. . .] Coppy of their Ord^{rs}: and M^{r}· Gladmans instruc [. . .] now sent you y^{e} 17th· d^{o}: y^{e} Cæsar came to us she [. . .] on her passage 8 Months and 1 day from y^{e} Downs of S^{t}: Jago mett with 5 Piratts that sett on her 2 [. . .] apt her aboard, but found her much to hott [. . .] ee gott away as fast as they could, and falling [. . .] sed, away all her boats with one man killed [. . .] ein y^{e} Cæsar ree^{d}; but she Severely p^{d}: of y^{e} [. . .] heir ships and killed y^{m}, many men, notwith [. . .] passage she lost but one man, besides him [. . .] hither for y^{e} Island Cap^{t}: Criffton wth: [. . .] men, there hath been great want of [. . .] Caused soe great a Mortality that . . .] been pleased to send great quantities [. . .] of people to manure y^{e}· Ground [. . .] apperances there will be a famine [. . .] agst: w^{ch}: wee are providing as fast as [. . .] may be before y^{e} Mogull comes agst: us who threatnes highly [. . .] you from him and Fort S^{t} [. . .] him more bloudy noses [. . .] then his taking Golcondah [. . .] yett never have this Iland [. . .] awary of medling with us, and be [. . .] to w^{ch}: purpose wee have and continue [. . .] can y^{e} 17th June came hither y^{e} Dragoon [. . .] ship bound for Siam, under Portu [. . .] ffenn gave y^{e} men orders, he put on board [. . .] Comp^{a} and endeavour to gain y^{e} Gulph of Per[. . .] Comp^{a} with him; but at Persia she is not, nor [. . .] this Coast for certain she is a Ship of som [. . .] ding to w^{t}: we have learnt we hope she may be [. . .] with you, M^{r}· Moody is on board her, hither [. . .] brought y^{e} Noquedah and most of her men we [. . .] best to give them their freedome and used them [. . .] all seeming kindness concerning her we have [. . .] grate [*sic*] troubles given us, and it hindred o^{r}: design [of] gitting M^{r}· Harris &c^{a} from Surratt, but wee have plaid our Cards notwithstanding all; that with Gods [bles]Sing is onely remaining there M^{r}· Harris and M^{r}· [. . .] and are contriving to gett them away although we would be willing they should

continue there, but that we fear harm to them as yett they are used with respect & kind[ness] only not ꝑmitted to goe out of y^e^ Town, w^ch^: in great [Measure] next to y^e^ devine goodness [and] pleasure we imp[ute] to [our] kind usage of those that have fallen into our hands. Dragons people were rude even to inhumanity, for [the] future pray, give orders to all ships that they may use Such [*a word or two lost*] take kindly, and not strip people naked their cloth [*a word or two lost*] ryes taken from them signifies nothing [*a word or two lost*] and our men soe [*a few words lost*] to nothing to them [*a few words lost*] all even mad again [*a few words lost*] quality that had their houses & families [*a few words lost*] w^ch^: we concluded best to submitt too, They [*a few words lost*] handsome manner, pretending busines, and to re[main?] [*a few words lost*] a short time but having secured themselves contrived [*a few words lost*] away their families Wives & Children, and were soe to gett [*a few letters lost*] ly in it that indeed they deceived us, but finding that y^e^ principall were gone we seemed not otherwise concerned, but to admire at y^e^ reason and wish them well, and sent to these remaining, being old women and serv^ts^: that they should not fear any harm, and that if they were minded to leave y^e^ Island on their sending word we would furnish them with boats to land them securely where they pleased, but this did not soe well sattisfy them, they knowing more then we did although we shroudly suspected, soe that some of them ventured away in the night in cannoes, we slighted all thinking it best since by keeping them we could gett nothing, at Carenjah they settle and joyn with y^e^ Portuguize, and then began somwhat to discover themselves threatning all Merch^ts^: Inhabit^ts^: here, and that they would starve us, we should not have corn or any thing elce, come from y^e^ main to us, w^th^: this we bore many dayes haveing still in our thoughts to gett our freinds away from Surratt, and by patience and forbearance in this matter, we could lose nothing the Siddys, Cap^ts^: &c^a^: being but poor, had noe great ritches to convey away, and y^e^ grain on y^e^ main not fitt together y^e^ 23^d^: Ag^st^: y^e^ Cæsar & Josiah Yatch went hence for Surratt river mouth, Coppy of Cap^t^: Wrights Instructions is now sent wherein you will read at large y^e^ affairs he went on sooner we could not dispatch them, having had most terrible weather y^e^ 26 y^e^ Hunter ffrigatt was dispatched hence to see w^t^ might be done in takeing two Surratt ships that lost their passage to Busserah and Wintered at Mangelor [*a word lost*] Battecalay Copy of Cap^t^ Rathbands Instructions on y^t^ [*a few words lost*] y^e^ Ultimo Aug^st^ y^e^ Tonqueen followed [*a few words lost*] to joyn with her, y^e^ 7^th^: of Sep^br^: came [*a few words lost*] she mett with a tedious passage and lost severall men [*a few words lost*] who we heard from Surratt [*a few words lost*] with you, being wrot to sen^r^: [*a few words lost*] that came on her & this we have [*a few words lost*] Pattana wrot by one M^r^ Bradi [*a few letters lost*] [who adviseth that at] Hughly he had private advices that y^e^ Williamson [and] other ships from England were arrived you, for [*a few words lost*] glad, but can learn noe news of worthy Cap^t^: Warner [who] according to Cap^t^: Perses relation was very ill w^n^,: [*a few words lost*] him, w^ch^ hath made [us?] much concerned for him, y^e^ [*a few words lost*] loose a loyall brave subject, and y^e^ R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: a [*a few words lost*] good serv^t^: we hope God has preserved him and sent [*a few words lost*] health w^ch^ should be heartily glad to hear, his reall worth is such as needs not our recommendation and do firmly beleive with you (as w^th^: all ingenious good men) he will meet with all kindness and fitt encouragem^t^:, but y^e^ Gen^ll^: himself highly esteeming him, & indeed all of us haveing a very reall respect for him cannott forbear recommending him to yo^r^: kindness and favour as one very able and fitt to mannage any designe he may be employ'd on, y^e^ 13^th^ Sep^tbr^: came in y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^: Comp^a^ sloop Huog & 2 boats from Surratt left y^e^ Cæsar & Josiah Yatch off y^e^ Deman all hopes being over of getting our freinds thence and our boats brought us news of our factory at Surratt being seized on by y^e^ Governm^t^ and our freinds confined, y^e^ next morning wee considered and in Councill unanimously agreed not to defer any longer but seize out of hand y^e^ 3 Surratt ship here, y^t^: were makeing ready and in great hast to be gone, however y^t^ we might still keep ourselves and is [*sic*] covered as mutch as wee could it was agreed y^t^ y^e^ Noquedahs officers & Merch^ts^: bel[ong]ing to y^e^ severall ships should be sent for and to dis [*a few words lost*] them of y^e^ Govern^r^: of Surratts unhandsomeness [*a few letters lost*] and make y^t^ a plea for seizing their Ships at [*a few words lost*] first y^e^ Noquedahs & [*a few words lost*] uneasie, caused as

[*a few words lost*] had from Surratt [*a few words lost*] means beleave y^e^ Govern^r^: of Surratt had acted [*a few words lost*] point was soon cleared to y^m^ by all y^e^ Lascars that came down in y^e^ R^t^· Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: boats, and at last they began to [be] civiler, and consented to have a few men of their own on board ship with ours, w^n^· immediately y^e^ Gen^ls^: guard of granadeers, well armed were drawn out & sent off and oppointed [*sic*] with officers to y^e^ ships one of y^m^ was under French colours about 350 Tunns, one under moors colours laden only with plank bound for Mocha y^e^ other under English Colours y^t^: had a Commission from M^r^ Harris &c^a^: bound for Acheen and Quedah, this last we found ourselves necessitated to redeliver y^e^ other 2 ly in our possession their Cargoes not medled withall, as yett; only she under French colours, had goods on board her belonging to y^e^ Arrabs and Turks, part whereof we have bought and paid for y^e^ 20^th^: Cap^t^: Andrews in Charles y^e^ 2^d^: arrived from Mocha y^e^ bad marketts and great disturbances there you will have had before this from on [*sic*] Cap^t^: Harbin that was there in a [small vessell], from yo^r^: parts and sailed from Mocha sometime before Charles 2^d^: who brought in four ships belonging to Abdull Gophore taken under Dutch Colours the interlooping Ship y^e^ Streights Merch^t^: A Syam ship a Cambaya ship & Dio ship y^e^ Comañd^r^: of y^e^ Syam ship one Rands being obstinate was wounded, and some dayes after Deceased he was as is reported and [*sic*] ill man contemned his Majesties authority and slighted all no more blood shed nor a man wounded besides y^e^ 30^th^ of Sep^br^: y^e^ Caesar sent in a ship y^t^ she had Seized came from Mocha under Duch [*sic*] Colours who was taken without y^e^ least resistance, y^e^ Caesar brought in a small empty Ship y^t^ she took att Surratts river mouth belonging to y^e^ great Mogull bound for Muscatt in search of Sultan Exbar She we delivered up for many reasons not only because she was an emty ship not worth keeping [*a few words lost*] motive moved us to y^t^: action, but besides [*a few words lost*] and now we begin to looke about us [*a few words lost*] and haveing Treated with Sambagee Raja [*a word or two lost*] to this agreem^t^: with him, [*a word or two lost*] and 50000 Rupees ready mony and [*a word or two lost*] by sea to protect [y^e^] Corrys he would have engaged further with us but wee thought it not prudence at Present so put him off with answering him with all kindness and respect, and y^t^ w^n^: wee saw how jus[t?] he was in this wee would further consider soe we sent over a Ship to Manucha and severall boats to y^e^ Corrys, but as yett have not all y^e^ Corn and none of the mony at this y^e^ Portuguize and Siddys seemed much concerned and talk bigg, but we hope to be hard enough for them if they stir.

Octob^r^: y^e^ 12^th^ came in a Ship under Dutch colours and a Grab taken off of Muscatt by y^e^ Ruby & Emrald ffriggatts y^e^ ship proved Really belonging to y^e^ Dutch and most of y^e^ Cargo to Arabs and Persians &c^a^: some small percells of Dates to y^e^ Mogulls Subjects, on w^ch^: y^e^: Skipper had such demands for freight &c^a^ y^t^ they were not worth medling withall and therefore according to y^e^ 8^th^ Article treaty Marine, was cleared as a free Ship, and free goods but not to goe for Surratt; y^e^ Garb [*sic*] was laden with Dates, belonging wholly to Dutchmen, but she being a Vessell really belonging to y^e^ Mogull subjects, we have detained supposeing y^e^ sea article w^ch·^ cleared y^e^ other ship and goods will condemn her & goods severall other small vessells with corne &c^a^ hath been taken without y^e^ loss of a man on either side y^e^: Govern^r^: of Surratt hath wrott severall letters w^ch^: have been answered a Coppy of our Demands is inclosed. Wee have had various reports of affairs in y^e^ Bay and by a Lett^r·^ signed by y^e^ Agent & M^r^: Ellis dated y^e^ 10^th^ of Sep^br^: understanding all to that time is not soe bad as was reported altho bad enough. Wee shall not say more to it at pres^t^: but wait in expectation of advices from [you] y^t·^ we may know yo^r^: strenth [*sic*] &c^a^: & y^n^ shall be better able [to] give our advices; but most certainly o^r^: Bengall [*a few words lost*] blame worthy & w^th^: men [*a few words lost*] no good can ever be [*a few words lost*] came in hither [*a few words lost*] we may expect in hourly in her comp^a^: [*a few words lost*] w^ch^ is all y^e^ Success they have mett with all in y^e^ Gulph of Persia y^e^ Modena is gone up to Bussera w^tt^: goode fortune she may have wee cannott tell, but expect not any feats from her, y^e^ Success is now ladeing for England and may be dispatched in 15 or 20 dayes Charles y^e^ 2^d·^ w^th^: y^e^: Ruby and Josiah Yatch we designe for Surratt rivers Mouth to Awaitt there, y^e^ Emrauld we think to return to y^e^ Gulph of Persia y^e^ Prudent Mary will be laden for England in 40 or 50 dayes more, y^e^ Caesar we designe down y^e^ Coast to bring up Pepper

designing to lade home 2 if not 3 winter ships y^e^ Bengall Merch^t^: now goes to you laden w^th^: rice and Arrack if no news from you y^t^: she may meet withall on this coast hinders itt y^e^ reasons she is laden with rice is because of french news from Pollicherry y^t^: rice on yo^r^: coast is at 30 Pag^s^: a Candy of 15 Maund Surratt for w^ch^: we are heartily sorry the Commission for establishing y^e^ Councill of Fort S^t^ George y^t^ we rec^d^: by the Bengall Merch^t^: we now send by her in charge of her Comander made up in a box and sealed w^ch^: Comission we think it will be fitt, for you to read w^th^: respect before all y^e^ R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: Coven^t^: serv^ts^: and officers both by sea & land and all y^e^ Souldiers, but are not possitive in this but leave it to yo^r^ discretion.

The Gen^ll^: cannott entertain any thoughts of coming to you at pres^t^: but when businesses are somew^t^: settled here may vissitt yo^r^ parts especially if we have no better news from Bengalla or any bad news from you, a Lett^r^: from his Majestie for M^r^ White and M^r^ Barneby came to us by y^e^ Bengall Merch^t^: w^ch^: we have made up in y^e^ R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: Pacquett for you by that Ship and leave itt to you to dispose off as you may see fitt accounting y^t^: you will meet with a conveyance for it to y^m^: sooner and [*a few words lost*].

[*A few words lost*] are obliged to you for yo^r^ goodwishes [*a few words lost*] to y^e^ utmost at Surratt & swally & had we nott come away as we [*a few words lost*] under very ill circomstanc [*a few words lost*] guard to o^r^ dutys we could not [*a few words lost*].

Wee heartily wish y^e^ Josiah George & [*a few words lost*] and seasonable arivall with our Masters Wee hope in God they will all 3 save their passage y^t^ they were nott fully laden we were sorry from w^t^: y^o^ write we conclude y^m^: not soe illy laden as y^t^: idle fellow harbin writes Coppy of 2 of his Lett^rs^ to M^r^ George Cook are now sent you, at one of them we have reason to think you will be concerned but for o^r^: selves we do assure you y^t^ we have a better opinion of y^e^ late Presid^t^: and of y^e^ pres^t^ Presid^t^: & whole Councill y^n^ to give creditt to w^tt^ he writes of being so largely promised & Courted to stay in India and shall continue of y^t^ mind without plain proofs to y^e^ Contrary, Wee are Verry much concerned about y^e^ private Lett^rs^ of Harbins to M^r^ Cook & were dilligent to find it out, but have not as yett reached it, whoever ever it was left withall, we may soe farr as we cann see conclude him a Confident of M^r^ Harbins and possibly my [*sic*] know its contents we desire you will dilligently enquired [*sic*] and use all fitt wayes and means to find him out and y^e^ Lett^r^ to Persia we have wrott about it and doe truely beleive if itt hath come to M^r^ Cooks hands y^t^ we shall have itt for y^e^ person with you y^t^ it was left withall, Wee have assured y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: y^t^: he shall receive no more ben[ifit] by their service accounting him as we think unfai [*a few letters lost*] and truly naught & not to be entrusted & if you find him out lett him be of what quallity he will under yo^r^ selves we possitively order, y^t^ he be Casheired & sent by y^e^ first Ship giveing y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: an acco^t^: of itt & for y^e^ future [*a word or two lost*] such like people & runawayes goe not without any man [ner] of marke lett all y^t^ behave themselves badly if y^e^ [*a word or two lost*] cannot be examined by you be sent to y^e^ place [*a word or two lost*] complained off, and [*a few words lost*] [called] to an [acc^t^ as] runaways, lett such [*a few words lost*] [ship] till they can be returned to y^e^ place they [*a few words lost*] receive just Punism^t^ [*sic*] and pray do not indulge [*a few words lost*] run from hence & do you beleive firmly y^t^ those that are ungratefull and base to one will prove soe to you in y^e^ end.

Wee should be glad to hear M^r^ Barron was return'd to you, we hope y^e^ Shrews bery's China Voyage was such at y^t^ y^e^ gains will answer to y^e^ charge of her demorage w^ch^: is w^t^ you should alwayes mind & propose w^n^: you send a ship on a trading voyage, lett not the naughty factors goe unpunished y^t^ were y^e^ cause of M^r^ Barrons staying behind in China with so much mony, y^e^ Dragons ffreight to Persia if w^t^: told us be true, is very low and will not pay half y^e^ charge she putts y^e^ R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: to, we were once of y^e^ mind to have unladen her here, and eased y^e^ R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: of y^e^ Charge of her, sent her away for England and put y^e^ goods on

board one of their own vessells for Persia, but out of respect to y^e^ late Presid^t.^ & you, and because y^e^ goods were all on freight let her proceed on, indeed she sailed so late from you y^t^: we think itt could not be reasonably expected she should gain her passage for Persia and in such case for y^e^ futur pray make some provision y^t.^ if y^e^ like should happen we may be able to order affairs as may be best for y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^: Comp^a^:.

His Maj^ty^: lost one subject by y^e^ action of Raines in Quedah and y^e^ Gen^lls.^ damage to his lose is plain enough.

Wee hope you will meet with y^t.^ naughty fellow Burton, Haggerstone is in y^e^ Bay and dd himself up to our freinds. Poor Cap^t^ Lake hath Lost his life letts think of revenging y^t.^ and getting satisfaction for all y^e^ wrongs dishonours, Violences and losses suffered at Syam, and spare none of y^t.^ Kings Ships or Subjects.

Wee have from y^e^ R^t.^ Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: y^m^ selves y^e^ paper of demands that they have on y^e^ King of Syam & take due notice of y^e^ fresh charge you have sent us, w^ch.^ shall be added, & we will hope for all harbins wisdome y^t.^ we shall meet with [*a few words lost*]tion from y^e^ King & his subjects & bring [*a few words lost*]ulcon.

Yo^r^ pacquett for y^e^ R^t^: Honble [*a word or two lost*] to them by y^e^ success it was [*one word lost*] an overland convey[ance] and so we hope may be [as soon] in England as if had gone on y^e^ Dragon for Persia.

It is true to our Sorrow y^t^: y^e^: Mogull is Master of Golcondah Be of good courage for God sake and resolutely defend y^e^ fort and town ag^st.^ all that may assault you, and with all remembr twas you that put y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble.^ Comp^a^: on this great undertaking and were in great hast to have it put in Execution doe not now start back like a broken bow but shew yourselves men and lett not a multitude scare you out of yo^r^: sences maintain bravely good freinds y^e^ Hon^r^: & interest of yo^r.^ King & Country and act with prudence and courage in all things.

Wee are sorry and truly concerned at reading yours of y^e^ 8^th^ of March we shall at all times as becomes us be forward to give you all assistance we can yo^r^: s^d^: Letter came nott to hand till y^e^ 23 Aprill and truly we were y^n^ in no condition to comply with yo^r^: desires and now wee hope you have no such necessities as y^n.^ we entertained thoughts, of sending you a stock of mony by this ship but wave it at present because of w^t.^ M^r^ Brady Writes from Pattana, and not haveing any news from you besides a flying report of warrs with Holland w^ch^: we cannot think true, for a french ship called y^e^ Le: Jeux came hither y^e^ 14^th^ past y^t^ Left france y^e^ 22^th^ Aprill and y^n^ all peace in Europe as y^e^ French told us, however its not good to be oversecure but provide for y^e^ worst, y^e^ best will help it self, and that we send you no mony is because wee [acc^t.^] if itt goes hence in March next itt may be neer as soon w^th^: you and we shall be able before y^t.^ we hope from yo^r^ advices to take right Measures and not proceed in y^e^ Dark, You are satisfied y^t.^ y^e.^ Kings fisher nor no other of his Majesties ship[s] are with us, what ships may be arrived with you this year from England we cannott tell, Butt y^e^ French tell us y^t^ one of his [*a few words lost*] ship & ∠ of y^e^ R^t.^ Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: bound to you, left Johan [*a few words lost*] days before they arrived [*a few words lost*] we have not [*a few words lost*] had we you should [*a few words lost*] as we [*a few words lost*] safty spare with a mortar peice we shall send you [*a few words lost*] conveyance w^ch^: may be soon after this according as advices are from you English match. we have not over plenty off and to preserve [*a word lost*] store of y^t^: and save y^e^ great charge of burning itt, we use on o^r^ guards Country match, and for our vessells wherein lyes our strenght [*sic*], we must have English match; y^e^ Sun is very prejudiciall to English men, therefore if you made y^e^ Portuguizes and Topasees do duty in the day time especially in all places exposed to y^e^ Sun and yo^r^: English men at nights itt might much preserve them in keeping yo^r^ men exercised morning and evenings will not only make y^m^ fitter for service on all occasions but be good for their healths you need not burn powder as often as you exercise but once a month at a Gen^ll^: Exercise, its fitt to blow away some powder y^t^: yo^r.^ men may be used to fireing a peice and thereby not subject to startle, we find y^e^ vanity of salutes very chargable therefore made a standing order of Councill to answer no Ships w^th^ more y^n^ Three gunns and this a rule to be observed amongst us, but for y^e^ present

because y^e^ ships were his Majesties Colours we have thought fitt to answer all ships with two less y^n^ they give and because this is an necessity on us to save powder we have mounted on carryages small peices from 4 to 5^cwt^: a peice and indeed itt becomes us to be good husbands of o^r^ powd^r^: now for we have dayly occasion for it, we find our people very carelesse of itt, and will all Souldiers be & our Portuguizes and Topasses cheat us, w^n.^ they may have their bandileers fill'd at any time; therefore all y^e^ Private Centinells have six charges given them of powder & shott and 2 spare flints of w^ch^: they give an acco^t^: and if cannott or loose any pay for it and in our stores we have always ready filled 200 Collars of Bandileers y^t.^ on any occasion, are clapt on & before those can be used y^e^ others are filled, on y^e^ main guard we have 10 Musquetts ready loaden, and once a fortnight y^e^ balls drawn & they discharged and y^n^ reladen to contrive w^tt^: we can to be good husbands [*a word or two lost*] comendable but indeed at present it most highly becomes us to be [*a few words lost*] far as prudence will permitt.

Wee are glad y^e^ Loyall Cap^t^: and Pearl [*a word or two lost*] are safely arrived with you at last.

You doe somew^tt^: [mis]understand us we ment quite otherwise y^n^: you seem to understand us, w^n^: we wrote you about taking down M^r.^ Thomas Yale his propositions for Syam it was not out of aney thoughts of settling there, butt y^t^: y^e^ naughtiness and pride of y^e^ Syamers might appear on register as an addition to their baseness, for you as well as we know y^t.^ a factory there can be no conveniency to y^e^ R^t.^ Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: and have been rendred so prejudiciall to our Masters and Dishono^ble^: to o^r^ nation from y^e^ wickedness ungratfullness and down right naughtiness of some, & as we will, soe doe you prosecute y^e^ Syamers, to y^e^ very height spare them not certainly you have a great deall of reason soe to doe, in some measure you have lately suffered yo^r^: selves if we may beleive yo^r^: own advices, and you may be allwayes Sure and take it for a certain truth y^t^: all y^t^ are against a publick intrest are enemies to every part or portion of y^e^ body w^t.^ ever they may pretend underhand to perticular persons to reach y^e^ better their busee designes, we hope there will be no disagreeing between you & o^r^ people gone for China, you will see in M^r.^ Gladmans instructions we have taken w^t^: care we can to prevent itt & w^n^: you send spies to any place we think you cannott doe amiss to provide on such occasion.

Wee observe y^e^ Royall James being arrived you from y^e^ West Coast of Sumatra & of the Berkley Castle & Priamans being there y^e^ first of y^e^ 2 last is in y^e^ Bay she mett with 2 Syamers and if God gives a Blessing to yo^rs^ & o^r^ China Ship[s] we may hope to bring y^e^ Syammers into some considera[tion] it was an unhappy & proved a fatall settlem^t^: on y^e^ We [*a few letters and words lost*] but certainly y^e^ R^t.^ Hon^ble^: [Comp^a^] never did thinke [*a few words lost*] that it must be [*a few words lost*] [t]hey thought for they made provision accordingly [& your] selves have had such great experience & soe well know y^e^ cunning Dutch y^t^ we cannott see why you should fancy otherwise y^e^ unhealthfullness of y^e^ place you have Settled in, we look upon as y^e^ greates [*sic*] evill; wee give you many thanks for y^e^ Papers sent us, and especially for y^e^ terms between you & y^m^: of Ticon and Priaman.

Wee did not mean Private Ships should allow for a pass nor had thoughts of depriving a Secretary of his fees, but in Consideration of y^e^ priveledg to trade in India somew^tt^: may reosonably [*sic*] allowed y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^: Comp^a^:, we thought as an acknowledgm^t.^ for y^t.^ great favour and kindness & to contribute toward their great charges, we once did somew^t.^ receive of all private Ships but have forborne it of late because you were nott of o^r^ minds; we desire you would once more consider this.

Wee are sorry for y^e^ loss of M^r.^ Potts &c^a^: God fitt us all for that great Change. The Gen^l^: begs of you a Coppy of M^r.^ Chendy dyary and acco^ts.^ and a Copy of Cap^t^: Goodlads Voyage on y^t.^ expidition w^ch.^ he will esteem as a favour.

Wee are clearly of yo^r^ opinions y^t^ we may safely take our enimies ships lett y^m^: be shrowded under w^t^: colours w^t^: soever, & we are willing to beleave y^t^ we may take o^r^: enemies goods out of y^e^ ships of our freinds or those Nations in amity with us as you seem to understand, but for our greater Satisfaction in this ꝑticular pray

by express send us y^e^ reasons, or from whence you have it to be of this opinion y^t^: you may take y^e^ goods of yo^r^· enimies out of y^e^ ships properly and really belonging to Europe Nations and after you have from us congratulated S^r^: John Biggs safe arivall with you, and tendred him y^e^ Gen^lls^: and our respects and hearty wishes for his health and prosperity, Pray acquaint him y^t^· we begg his opinion concerning this affair in few lines w^ch^: will be highly esteemed and greatefully acknowledged.

[*a few words lost*] ing so many men so many minds wee think we could easily answer [*a few words lost*] ning y^e^ managm^t^ of y^e^ Grand affair on [*a word or two lost*] India you may beleive firmly we duely consider [and weigh with] y^e^ understanding we have, what we undertack and possibly may see as far as some others, Butt shall not trouble you nor our selves w^th^ unnecessary arguings, but leave it to our superiours to judge, and if we have not served y^m^: suitable to their good liking, itt ought to be imputed to ignorance [in us] for really to y^e^ utmost of o^r^ abilities, we are desirous and heartily endeavour to doe y^e^ Best service we can, you seem mightily concerned at o^r^ takeing ships without passes, and yett approve and esteem y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: own orders, to y^e^ Europe Ships, But we think you consider neither well, and 'tis possible you may not know, y^t^ no ships belonging to y^e^ moors or any of y^e^ Natives goe from Surratt without passes from y^e^ English Dutch, French and Portugueze soe y^t^· if y^e^ ships by y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: order had seized any ships it must have been y^m^ with passes or none and if we had began as you fancy we should, we must have done y^e^ same we heartily wish y^e^ Cap^t^· of y^e^ Curtana, had not parted w^th^· y^t^· good fortune w^ch^ fell into his mouth, y^t^· you have beat y^e^ bush to no bett^r^· purpose, we are sorry indead, whether you are blame worthy or no in that, we must leave itt to y^e^ R^t^· Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: but we tell you true, that we think we can give a good acco^t^: of all our actions, and if we could have seen any hopes of keeping fair with y^e^ Mogull would never have stired at all.

You may beleive we had some reasons y^t^· moved us to leave some people at Surratt, & altho you could not see anything for y^m^· to do there we could see something, that you are soe couragious we are glad to read and wish you may always continue soe, and bravely behave yo^r^: selves on all occasions [*a few words lost*] Siddy is not to be soe much dispised as you fancy, [*a few words lost*] at sea he will hardly fight our ships, but he hath [*a few words lost*] 10000 men and 20 [*a few figures and words lost*] within sight of us, soe that in half a tides time [*a few words lost*] come to many and most part of y^e^ Island, y^t^· it becomes us to be carefull of him, and we hope in all things we shall behave ourselves soe, as not to be ashamed of our actions.

The Pirate that y^e^ Pearl mett with all in y^e^ redd sea Cap^t^ Andrews heared off when at Mocha but never saw.

We cannott wholly excuse poor Cap^t^: Lake but most certainly all those y^t^· had a hand in betraying him deserves seveer punishm^t^: as well as Rea, Bland and Howell, and its great pitty they should escape without punishm^t^.

The pacquett for Goa was sent thither w^ch^: y^e^: Govern^r^: hath acknowledged to have received and promised to write an answer and send to Madrass.

M^r^· Charles Kenion is now in Persia y^e^ Ind^r^ and bond shall be sent to him to sign and after w^n^: return'd to us shall be sent to y^e^ R^t^· Hono^ble^: Comp^a^.

The Portuguizes are indeed very abusive pray lett us have a perticular acco^t^· of y^e^ Damages suffered by M^r^ Yale to add to o^r^· other acco^ts^: w^th^: y^m^: its very likely we shall nott lett all pass with silence but may with prudence lay hold of oppertunity.

On board this ship is 2 Serjants y^t^· came out of England for yo^r^: parts, to supply their occasions we have spared y^m^: 100 Xeraphins Viz^t^: to Peter Gregory 60 & to Samll Hilckman 40 w^ch^ pray give this Island creditt for and receive of them, there likewise came out on this ship 2 Gentlemen to serve in yo^r^: parts M^r^: Matt: Empson a factor, and M^r^· W^m^· Bowdler a writer entertained on y^e^ usuall terms, y^e^ latt^r^· of w^ch^ hath had of us here Xeraphins 100 to supply his occasions w^ch^ deduct out of his sallary w^n^: it becomes due his receipt is inclosed.

Yesterday arrived here y^e^ Emrauld friggott from Persia with our prize who brought us advices from o^r^ R^t^ Hono^ble^ : Mast^rs^ : y^e^ last date of their lett^rs^ : was 30 Dec^br^ : past, therefore need nott acquaint you with their contents knowing you have Lett^rs^ : of Later date by y^e^ W^m^ son.

Just [*a few words lost*] in a ship here from Persia belonging to [*a few words lost*] y^e^ Genll : rec^d^ : a perticuler Letter from Europe dated March y^e^ 11^th^ : w^ch^ [*a word or two lost*] us y^t^ [no] Ship is dd [*a word or two lost*] here this sumer, except a small one which comes on y^e^ same termes y^e^ Worchester did w^ch^ : [is] a priviledged Ship and y^t^ : of y^e^ 30^th^ Decem^br^ : informs us of y^e^ same, and by y^e^ same Ship we had lett^rs^ : from o^r^ ffreinds at Persia who advise us of Agent Wards death he deced : y^e^ 4 Octob^r^ : at Rowdown of a violent burning feavour, and M^r^ Charles Zinzan who was ordered presid^t^ : in y^e^ Gen^ls^ : absence or mortality, it pleased God to take him to himself y^e^ 23^d^ : instant, God prepare us all for y^t^ : certain change.

Inclosed is Cap^t^ : Perses note to make good to you 4 small granado shells, w^ch^ pray receive and give us Credit for y^m^ Wee heartily recomend you to y^e^ Allmighty and rest

Yo^r^ : very loveing ffreinds & Humble Serv^ts^ :

Jn^o^ : Vaux	J^o^ : Child
Jn^o^ : Shaxton	Jn^o^ : Wyborne.
Ri : Clifton	Ja : King.

To y^e^ Hono^ble^ Elihu Yale Govern^r^ :
of Fort S^t^ : George Presid^t^ : for y^e^ R^t^ :
Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : affaires on y^e^ Coast of
Cormendell bay of Bengall &c^a^ : Councill

Carwarr
15^th^ Deceb^r^ : 1687.

These few lines are onely to inclose coppy y^e^ Gen^ls^ : & Councills Lett^r^ : y^t^ is to come to you by y^e^ Bengall Merch^t^ : on whom we embarqued y^e^ 3^d^ : Curr^t^ : and sailed y^e^ 4^th^ in y^e^ Morning early in comp^a^ : with 3 others Ships and 2 Groabs, we just touched at Goa and on y^e^ 12 instant arrived this factory, and haveing finished w^t^ : business we had here to morrow morning design to go on board y^e^ Bengall Merch^t^ : and sail to Mangalore, for y^e^ more speedy putting in execution our orders, by y^e^ Bengall Merch^t^ : wee shall write to your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ at large send you Coppy our Instructions, and acco^t^ : our proceedings have hitherto had Little of Moment to advise, and Land conv [*a few letters and words lost*] unsafe ; we are [informed] y^e^ Caesar is at Manga[lore] from yo^r^ : parts ; [*a few words lost*] to [y^e^ Gen^ll^ :] &c^a^ : we shall know y^e^ better how to act [*a few words lost*] gall Merch^t^ : The bearers of these are five of yo^r^ returned Cosseds they have rec^d^ : for way charges Rup^s^ : 60 w^ch^ : with tender of our humble services conclude being

Hono^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :
Yo^r^ : most Obed^t^ : faithfull & Humble Serv^ts^

John Shaxton.
Ri : Clifton.

To y^e^ : Hono^ble^ : Elihu Yale Esq^r^ :
Presid^t^ : & Govern^r^ : &c^a^ : Councill
in Fort S^t^ : George.

Conimeer y^e^ 10^th^ :
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Hono^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^ :

Wee shall now give answer to yo^r^ : 3 Gen^ls^ : of y^e^ 6^th^ : y^e^ 28^th^ : Jan^ry^ : y^e^ 9^t^ ffeb^ry^., and first we have not been in y^e^ least slack or delatory in y^e^ prosecution of their ord^rs^ : but have used our utmost endeavours to forward and hasten in our

investm^{t}: w^{ch}: thanks be to god, have proved soe effectuall y$^{t\cdot}$ we have all our goods brought in safe to us and notwithstanding all y^{e} embroyles and troubles in y^{e} Country have not soe much as lost one peice of Cloth.

Cap^{t}: Cook would have had a very quick dispatch from this place, had he followed our ord^{rs}: but he was of too wayward a disposition to hear us, he would not bring in y^{e} ship nearer, a great while w$^{n\cdot}$ he did we had dispatch[ed] away all our business on board him in six dayes afterwards.

All our English Souldiers are very well satisfied wth y^{e} late orders, about their pay and diett mony, as likewise some of y^{e} Portuguize those y^{t}: were not they desired leave we dismist y^{m}: and are returned to y^{e} ffort.

The Pag^{s}: 1000 [*a word lost*] M$^{r\cdot}$ Devett we have rec^{d}: for w^{ch} shall give Creditt [*a word or two lost*] likewise y^{e} Gunpowder but y^{e} Packing [*a few words lost*] by Invoice as ℔ Inclosed acco^{t}: The mounting of our gunns has sett some of y^{e} smaller [officers] of y^{e} Divans in these parts apicking of quarrells with us w^{ch}: they have signified to us, by severall writings & messages, but we have made a shift to putt y^{m} oft, by telling y^{m}: 'twas for our own defence these troublesome times, and not design to wrong or injure y^{e} Divan in y^{e} least whither it has been these reasons or y^{e} Disunion or quarrell amongst themselves, we cant tell, but our guns remaine upon o$^{r\cdot}$ gates, and so are like still, for we expect every day our lett^{rs}: from Harjee Raja wherein he gives a check to Sounde Bodoje, for molesting and troubleing us signifying that w$^{t\cdot}$ we doe is by ℔mission from him 3 years agoe Our Egyb there sent us word y^{e} writings are drawn after this manner only wants y^{e} Seals to be affixt to y^{m}:, w^{ch} he expects every hour will be done and y^{n}: will forward these writeing down to us to dispose of them as directed this will stop Sounds mouth w^{ch}: at pres$^{t\cdot}$ is very clamorous against us, he came to town last Munday, but given out by y^{e} way, w$^{t\cdot}$ a great Summ of mony he would exact of us w$^{n\cdot}$ he came to Conimeer upon acco$^{t\cdot}$ of o^{r}: Guns, full [of] these rich thoughts and expectations he enters y^{e} p [*a few letters and words lost*] but in terrorem comes accompanied, with about 100 people never gives notice who he was (w^{ch} was ever y^{e} custom amongst y$^{m\cdot}$ ever since y^{e} place was settled, and that too by Lett$^{rs\cdot}$ under y^{e} Divans chop) comes not to y^{e} factory as usuall, but garrisons himself in a [native] Pagoda in y^{e} Town, from whence y^{e} man sends very stately messages, why he was not rec^{d}: as usuall; why our Merch^{ts}: did nott come to make their Sallams to him, we did what we pleased, and now he would doe what he pleased, wth a great [deal] more of such stuff and huffing, wee gave him fair answer and reasonable too [*a word or two lost*] his messages, this wont [*a few words lost*] mony he must have [*a few words lost*] w^{ch} he sends out [privately] to [stop] all provisions &c^{a}: from coming to us, [put his] Duoray upon all y^{e} butecaes, as to y^{e} first w^{t} is stopt in y^{e} day is privately brought in at night, as to y^{e} second y^{e} shop keepers wont obey him, but sell all things as before, while y^{e} prementioned were acting, there comes about 300 of y^{e} Mogulls forces to Marracawn drive out y^{e} Marrattas y$^{t\cdot}$ before had taken y^{e} place, where they still remain, and have new forces coming to them every hour, this news being brought hither in y^{e} afternoon, Sounde, whither it was seeing himself mocked and laughed at here, (for since reason would not make him understand himself not to humor y^{e} foolish man we made slight of him) or fearing least y^{e} forces of Marracawn, being soe neere should come in [y^{e} night] and seiz upon him y^{e} valiant sounde, quitts his fort, marched out of town bag and bagage silently about 9 a clock at night, and goes to another pagoda, about 5 miles to y^{e} Southw^{d}: of us; where he has again garrisoned himself thinking himself to be a little more remote from Danger, he again takes heart and is louder now y^{n}: before, w^{ch}: is as little valued; he thinks to dishonour y^{e} R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: by haveing us first send overtures of agreem^{t}: to him, w^{ch}: will sett him, but soe much hither and y^{e} more encourage his extravigant humour; or we must take down our gunns, and our lives and y^{e} R$^{t\cdot}$ Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: concerns lye at his Mercy, (of w^{ch}: we think a Brameny has but a little) but presume it bett$^{r\cdot}$ considering w^{t}: hopes & expectations we have from above, and y^{e} broken disunited condition they are in amongst y^{m}: selves, and soe neer approach of y^{e} Mogulls forces, to keep of at some distance as yett, by this we shall discourage Sounde in his extravigancies (but yett not give hime,

as he is y^e^ Divan any just occasion of offence) presumeing itt y^e^ best [*a few words lost*] deall w^th^: him at pres^t^: for should we give [*a few words lost*] to quarrel w^th^: us considering y^e^ foregoeing, we presume it cannott consist with reason [but] we are now endeavouring now to gain time to keep him off of us at present, till we hear from Harja Raja if he failes us, y^n^· we must be forced to pull down our gunns, & y^n^· we must fly to yo^r^· help & mercy, till we hear from him we will endeavour to deall with this little Avalder & in y^e^ best and most prudent manner we can, save y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: mony their Honour, from y^e^ reproach of o^r^· neighbours, and secure our own lives as well as we can, and this we humbly leave to yo^r^: wiser consideration, we resolveing to act as you shall please to order us.

Upon y^e^ closure of y^e^ above written Parragraph came down our lett^rs^· from Harje Raja Viz^t^: one to y^e^ Cheife one to Sounde Bolloje, & another to Adam Cawn a troublesome person to us, from Marracawn y^e^ originall Lett^r^· to y^e^ Cheif we now forward to you, as likewise coppies of y^e^ other two by w^ch^: you may please to observe w^tt^· encouragem^t^: Harja Rajah gives us to secure and strengthen our selves, and how he has ordered y^e^ others not to trouble or molest [*a word lost.*] Sounde takes but little notice of s^d^· Lett^rs^. Shuffles w^th^: y^e^ orders, and said it was writt in a corner ; sends down to us two Maldars ; notwithstanding said Lett^rs^· ordering y^m^· to pull down o^r^· guns, reinforced likewise with an order from y^e^ Subidarr, upon y^e^ same acco^t^ : this created a great deall of discourse and dispute between us, we pleading at large w^t^· we did was in these troublesome times, for our own Security, & not to offend y^m^· in y^e^ least, they alleadging Sounde Bolloje and y^e^ Subidars orders, they must have noe answer, but notwithstanding all we should say our [guns ?] must down, y^t^· done [*a word lost*] would come to town, and y^n^· [*a word lost*] he would come to [*a few words lost*] m^t^· with us Super [*a few words lost*] in S [*a few letters lost*] Cawns time every gun y^t^· y^e^ french had [up cost] y^m^ : no less y^n^ : Pag^s^ : 20,000 each, this as it was foolish deserved little of our notice, or replay to them, but by it we understand w^t^ : tis they would be att, our cheif discourse tended to y^t^ w^tt^· we did was for our own defence, and y^t^ likewise y^t^ : w^t^· we did was by authority, now greater y^n^ : either Sounde Bolloje or y^e^ Subidars ; by vertue of w^ch^ : we would keep o^r^ Guns up, this putt our Maldars into a chafe and raging and y^n^ : they would see our Lett^rs^ : from Harja Raja, we told y^m^· this not for their hands, wee knew w^t^ : wee acted by w^ch^ : we would maintain, and bid y^m^ : take care how they offronted their kings chop and orders, y^e^ sight of this we denyed y^m^ : because we found how slight Sounde made of y^e^ : lett^rs^· from Harja Raja to him as before, 'tis a plain case they value now [noe] orders from their Masters y^t^ ; shall in y^e^ least contradict their designs and own interest, y^e^ truth is, y^e^ Governm^t^· here is soe divided & infactious y^t^ : tis meer amarchy [*sic*] now, and every man setts up for himself, Kisway Pontulo y^e^ new great Subandar [*sic*] y^t^· came down with ord^rs^ : from Sambojee to take y^e^ Governm^t^ : out of Harjee Rajas hands, is now come down ; y^e^ old quarrel between y^e^ 2 great men is revived and beleive will never cease but in lose of their lives or their Country, these makes factions according to their power or intrest, Kisway Pontulo has y^e^ greatest men on his side Viz^t^ : Santoge Roja Timoge Cotca Tiumbucabusra, Harjee Raja has y^e^ greatest Purse being greatly enricht by his late Spoil in y^e^ Golcondah Country Loyalty amongst y^m^ : is but a shaddow, their kings and their gods are their Mony and he that has most of it is y^e^ greatest prince, has y^e^ most subjects ; it seems now y^e^ contest lyes between loyalty and y^e^ Purse, Kisway Pontulo is backt by y^e^ Kings Authority, and [Harjee Raja] has y^e^ most mony y^e^ first poor y^e^ latter [very rich ;] [*a few words lost*] nsist most of y^e^ poorer sort, soe y^t^ : w^t^· by y^e^ tyrany of y^e^· Governm^t^ : as they are slaves [*a word or two lost*] honour amongst y^m^· w^ch^ : make us think Harjee Raja to be y^e^ most able to help us, haveing [y^r^ :] Kings chop in his possession, and whom we have gained to be our freind, wee have our Egyb now remaining with him, whom wee have ordered y^t^· just upon y^e^ turn of affaires, and w^n^ : the Morrattas are quite heartlesse, and all like to be lost y^t^ : y^n^· and not before to move to Harjee Raja y^t^ : he will give us a Cowle to build fortifications and to be custome free, and to have y^e^ town under us, this we presume he will doe for we have gained his Lady to befreind us by sending her up a small present of strong waters ; w^ch^ : she loves and has made her good humered [*sic*] besides haveing gained an intrest with some others, favorites of his, this with w^t^· we have ordered our Egyb to

promise y^m : provided y^e writeings are firm well worded and dated 3 years agoe, Viz^t from Pag^{ds} : 500 as far as 1000 to be divided amongst y^m : we presume a good issue of this affair ; for we are likwise apt to think w^n : they are like to loos [*sic*] all, Harjee Raja will y^e sooner give us y^e forementioned priviledges since we pay for itt y^n: to deliver up all into y^e enemies hands, w^{ch} he will be forced to doe, and gett nothing by itt at last.

Sounde Bolloje to'ther night sends a party of men w^{th}: his son Mussandar and some others [robbing] in y^e Golcondah Country ; but instead of goeing wide, they fell neer y^e quarters of y^e Prementioned Adam Cawn, who has lately retaken Marracawn Soundes crew had seized upon a great percell of cows and goats, and were valienly [*sic*] driveing y^e Poor Cattle away, but itt seems y^e lowing and noise they made, gave y^e alarm to Adam Cawn, who immediately, w^{th} his horse fell in among Soundes troops kill'd one & wounded 3 others w^n : y^e Mous [*a few letters and words lost*] lighting of his horse came [*a few words lost*] and beging him to [*a few words lost*] that [*a few words lost*] as well as he and were sent by order of Sounde, this [for the] present, more inflamed, Adam Cawn y^t. Sounde should send to rob and invade his quarters, but by fair words he was at last appeased, but took away all y^e Cattle again from [*a word lost*] Mussundar, this business has made a great quarrell betwen Sounde and this man, for he demands y^e Cattle as lawfull prize and Adam Cawn wont $delivery^m$: and threatnes Sounde this late exploit has much lessen'd him in every bodys esteem, we have made anvantage of itt, and laugh him to scorn, we hear he intends to raise his seige to morrow and march to his old freinds at Pullicherry, we are sure 't will be with shame enough for he has not so much as got one cash of us.

The Mogulls forces begining to draw very near us, this Country is all in fear and confusion, so y^t : if we had but yo^r orders and force sufficient we might ene doe what we pleased as they do now at Pullicherry for they are building of points and bullworks there.

By our carrying of it soe resolutely w^{th}: Sounde we have not so much as lost one peice of cloth, 4 dayes more brings itt all out of y^e washers hands w^{ch} will be as soon embailed so y^t : in spight of him we have w^{th}: $Cred^t$: and honour kept our Guns, had we taken y^m : down Sounde most certainly would have rob'd y^e $Comp^a$: and our lives had been in danger, but thanks be to god we have prevented y^e first and preserved y^e latter, and have in y^e prementioned given you a perticular $acco^t$: of affairs here & off y^e present state of this Country, w^{ch} : we humbly leave to yo^r : wise considerations.

As soon as possibly we can we shall send you y^e coppy of our last year : Gen^{ll} : books ; these for this year are up to a day.

Wee heartily [*a word or two lost*] Beaufort a good Voyage, but wish our bales had come [*a word or two lost*] to have gone home with her accord [*a few words lost*] send to Porto Nova for a Vessell to convey our bailes down to you we hear there is one procureable there Ship Triblicane appears not when she comes, shall give you creditt for your wheat there is no wax by any means procureable in these parts so cannott (as you are pleased to order us) send any to Cuddaloor.

The Curtana was never at this Port M^r Holcomb haveing some urgent affairs y^t calls him to Madrass humbly desires you will please to ℔mitt him to repair thither w^{ch} being y^e needfull at $pres^t$ we respectfully conclude these remaining

$Hono^{ble}$: S^r : $\&c^a$:
Yo^r : most Humble $Serv^{ts}$:

JOHN WILLCOX.
SIMON HOLCOMB.
JOHN DEVETT.

Recd : March y^e^ 5^th^ 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

Translate of a Lett^r^ from Harjee Raja to M^r^ John Willcox Cheif of Conimeer, No date.

The Lett^r^ : you sent yo^r^ : Egib Peramadu Mouddiar I have rec^d^ : and observe its contents as likewise w^t^ he has spoke by word of mouth all w^ch^ I have taken into consideration, you write me y^t^ y^e^ Divans people are very troublesome to you, and have desired me to send down some orders to prevent y^e^ same, we gave you a cowl formerly about 3 years agoe, and you cannott expect more priviledge y^n^ : w^t^ : is contained therein, w^ch^ : desire you'l take into consideration, and keep yo^r^ selves strong, but you must not make any differences w^th^ : y^e^ Divan, so desireing a continuance of yo^r^ correspondence, and to advisee me of w^t^ passes in your parts, I have sent strict orders to y^e^ Divans people not to molest you and for y^e^ future [you ?] may rely thereon and further I [*a word or two lost*] you to yo^r^ Egib [Peramadu ?] Mouddiar.

Translate of a Lett^r^ : from Harje Raja to Sounde Bolloje Avaldar of Tindivanam y^e^ same to Adam Cawn, No date.

M^r^ Willcox Cheif of Conimeer acquainting me, y^t^ liveing peaceably and quietly in their factory, Yett you are very trouble some to them therefore as they are Merch^ts^ : and bring proffitt to y^e^ Divan you must by noe means trouble or molest y^m^ : for there was formerly a Cowl given to them.

Bagnagar $\frac{27 \text{ febry :}}{8 \text{ March}}$ 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

To his Hono^r^ : Elihu Yale.

I tire not my self in writing to yo^r^ : Hon^r^ : every time oppertunity presents, but I am really troubled y^t^ I do not receive lett^rs^ from you I cannott immagine w^t^ should be y^e^ reason for 'tis impossible but y^t^ some of y^e^ five Lett^rs^ : I sent are arrived you in which I acquainted yo^r^ : Hono^r^ withall your business and affaires.

Senier Pose Abanus is still in town expecting to hear from you, I don't know but he might have missed getting yo^r^ : Phirmaund so soon as you expected if he had rec^d^ y^e^ mony for Mons^r^ : Guetty and y^e^ french Padre Lowis have gone after y^e^ camp this 5 weeks and god knows w^n^ : they will return w^th^ : a Phirmaund.

It is commonly reported y^t^ : Mahomed Ebrahim is to come hither againe to be Nabob or Tubass, people say so because y^e^ Mogull has sent a Lett^r^ to him in great speed, y^e^ Hollanders here doe strongly desire it if 'tis so I beleive y^t^ y^e^ two forementioned Gentlemen, will goe nigh to gett their Phirmaund, because y^e^ great Miza knows y^t^ some body else should be Nabob [*a word or two lost*] does understand y^e^ business of Europeans better y^n^ Rowall [*a few words lost*] he will expect till he may be here [*a few words lost*] I doe not desire it because they might loose all their pains labour and mony ; the trading doth continue dead as it wa [*a letter or two lost*] ot at all, diamonds very few merch^ts^ : alsoe 'tis no hope to make se[tt] of y^e^ emraulds because they y^t^ did cutt stones are dead insomuch y^t^ : nobody dares putt himself in.

News has come to day y^t^ y^e^ Mogull has sent y^e^ King of Golcondah in y^e^ ffort of Calberga & that Chalam will be sett at liberty after he has taken y^e^ oath of alleigence [*sic*] to his father.

I am much troubled to stay here and do nothing but our silver being not yett sold I must stay by force, Pray God help me, I remain

S^r^

Yo^r^ : most humble & Obed^t^ : Serv^t^ :

D : Chardin.

P.S.

Yo^r^ : hono^r^ : Please to give me leave to remember My respects to My Lady Yale.

I am receiveing just now lett^{rs} from Surrat w^{ch} : acquaint me y^{t} Govern^{r} of Surrat has sent to bombay for a treaty of peace and y^{t} y^{e} Gen^{ll} : S^{r} : John Child might come in 2 or 3 dayes to Swalley on y^{t} acco^{t} : y^{e} same letters advise y^{t} M^{r} Charles Zinzon is dead for w^{ch} I am sorry.

ATCHEEN

Hono^{ble} : S^{r} : ffeb^{ry} : y^{e} 19th : 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

In my last I advised you y^{t} I intended to put of y^{e} [*sic*] altogeather y^{e} w^{ch} : I have now done, and dd : and onely stay for part of y^{e} mony not yett p^{d} : and although I have put it off at an easie proffitt yett considering y^{e} [sett] of Moonsoons and y^{e} dangerous consequence of leaveing it behind, I chose rather to bring it with me, and hope to see yo^{r} hon^{r} in a weeks time after this comes to your hand, y^{e} pretended frenchman is still here, and intend to wait on him, and if Possible to bring him with me, but it will be very difficult and dangerous to take him out of y^{e} road y^{e} shawbandar haveing charged me to y^{e} contrary, and vowing revenge for Cap^{t} Consetts abuse in y^{t} nature and sayeth y^{t} if I [*a few words lost*] will take satisfaction on y^{e} Eng [*a few letters lost*] ashoar, but it is [*a few words lost*] is y^{e} king of Syams ship [*a word or two lost*] so wishing your hono^{r} all health and prosperity I humbly remain

Yo^{r} : Hono^{rs} :
Most obliged and Humble Serv^{t} to Comand
THO : BATTEN :

From on board Ship Rochester Rideing at
Most Hono^{d} : S^{r} : Cuddaloore March y^{e} 15th : 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

Since my last to yo^{r} Hono^{r} : I have mett with a Ship that came from Pullycherry haveing there discharged her ladeing, and as some of their men y^{t} : could not make their escape in their boat with y^{e} rest does inform me that she was bound for Porto Nova, and does belong to that place but since y^{t} I have had her in possession there has been nobody to enquire after her, and was forced to fire 20 guns before we could bring to anchor, she keeping soe nigh y^{e} shore y^{t} : we could not come in soe smal a Draft of water, all y^{e} time keeping French Coulors on board soe soon as they came into 3 fatham water lett fall both their anchors, and run y^{e} most part ashoar they being all moors and never a frenchman on board so y^{t} : in case we hear none enquire after her in a few dayes, I will load her wth : y^{e} Comp^{a} : wood, and send her down to your Hono^{r} : I haveing keept her ever since last munday, and as for y^{e} Eagle, S^{r}, I hear by y^{e} bearer she is not come out and does not sail till y^{e} 10 of this month from Atcheen so god willing there shall be nothing wanting in me of being ready for her w^{ch} is all needfull from

S^{r} Yo^{r} : Hono^{rs} :
Faithfull serv^{t} : to Comand
JOHN BROMWELL.

To y^{E} HONO^{BLE} : ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R} : Cuddaloor March y^{e} 13th : 168$\frac{7}{8}$
PRESID^{T} : & GOVERN^{R} : &C^{A} : COUNCILL

Hono^{ble} : S^{r} : [*a few words lost*].

[*A few words lost*] &c^{a} : severalls of 28th past & y^{e} 3^{d} & 8th Inst we have recd : Wee have Made strict enquirey into o^{r} warehouse acco^{t} : at Porto Novo, and cannot find an errour of a bale thereine [*sic*] and Cap^{t} Spencer made no objections w^{n} he signed his bills of ladeing, neither indeed could he y^{e} receipts specifying soe many bales to be on board, therefore he must recollect himself and give an acco^{t} : of what wanting.

Wee recd. ye Pagds: 10,000 sent by ye Madrass Mercht for wch shall give due credt: and are sorry to hear stock is soe low yt we cannott hope to be supplyed wth: yt: we wrott for last; soe this we have shall endeavour ye best we can to manage, for our Rt Honoble: Masters advantage but we think itt now no convenient time to discourse or Merchts: about ye Interest yt has been allowed ym. nor of ye allowance of Cloth lost at ye washers, least, it put ym. backward in their business and frustrate our endeavours to make ym: advance towards ye ladeing ye next ship home; wch, if we can effect and gett into ye next ship home; wch: if we can effect and gett into their debt we may with more ease bring ym: to understand and acknowledge wt: is reasonable, but they seem to jealous of some after designe already wch: we endeavour to smoth by ye fairest promises we can make to assist ym: wth: mony to carry [on] their business, wherein they must shew ym selves very diligent if they expect to have ye favour of yor Honr: &ca. but it is true Mr: Davis wn he contracted with ym: did agre [*sic*] yt: wt. ever was lost at ye washers should not be on their accot: because ye Cloth was given to ye Compa: washers to cure, wch. we alsoe are of opinion ought not to fall on ye Compa: ye good not being theirs properly the chopt brown before it is sorted and embaled

The Ship Rochester arrived here ye 11 Instt: on whome we shall fade what goods we have in readiness with firewood, but Chinam cannott be [proc?] ured Capt: Bromwell, wn: he came on Shore requested [*a word or two lost*] sent to Pullicherry to enq[uire] after ye ship speci [*a few words lost*] ders, wch: [*a few words lost*] from thence and alsoe by George Paulin lately arrived from Atcheen [*a word or two lost*] was there and would not depart from thence for some considerable time after him of wch: we have advised Capt. Bromwell who rides soe farr out to sea in expectation of her yt. we cannot yett ship our goods on board.

On Munday last appeared a Ship bound to ye Southward wth: french colours, whom ye Rochester chased and brought to an anchor very neer shore, and wn. they went on board her found ye lascars had left her, and noe goods on board, we sent out a guard and brought in severall of her men whom we examined, and found yt ye ship came from Atcheen to Pullicherry, and they say belongs to some Chouliars at Porto Novo, and a ffrenchman, but could not find any writting aboard to understand ye truth thereof and if her owners do not appear in time and make good prooff of their title ye Capt. will send her to be examined in ye Court of admiralty; but now we have recd: a Lettr. from Monsr: Martin, who owns her to belong to ye ffrench Compa: wch: is a different story from wt. heard before, but we cannot advise more thereof at prest: ye Capt being aboard.

The paper we have recd: for wch: shall give credit according to order, but cannot as yett procure any Beeswax ye Capt. not being willing to dispose of any here reserve ing it for a bettr. markett att ye ffort.

Wee observe wt. you are pleased to order concerning a Correspondence wth: Ibram Cawn in wch: we will be as private as we can according to yor: Honrs: &ca: directions in reguard of ye troublesome governmt. we live under.

Herewith goes a coppy of our Diaries Consultations and accott: Cash for ye month of ffebry: and Pursers accott: for ye months of Decbr: & Janry: wch: is all yt offers at present from

Honoble: Sr. &ca:

Yor: most Humble & Obedt. Servts:

JOHN NICKS.

WM. HALL.

RALPH INGRAM.

ROBT. CRANWELL.

CUDDALOOR.
To Y^E CHEIF

Pullicherry March 33^d: [*sic*] $168\frac{7}{8}$.

Wee had notice just now y^t· an English Comp^a: Ship at anchor before your ffactory, has stopt a Vessell of our Comp^as: w^ch: was dispatched for Porto Novo w^ch news we very much wonder at, as being opposite and contrary to y^e good freindship y^t· is between our Royall Kings and consequently ought to be betwixt their Subjects, therefore we expect to be informed by you w^t: [y^e] reason is y^t· you do soe, y^t· we may take such recourse as shall be convenient and soe rest

Yo^r· true Servant
MARTIN.

MOST HONO^D: S^R: ELIHU YALE
PRESID^T: & GOVERN^R: OF FORT S^T: GEORGE.

Pullicherry March 25^th: $168\frac{7}{8}$.

The late Mussoon o^r· Comp^a: freighted a Vessell at Porto Novo, to send to Atcheen, w^ch: a while past arrive[d] here from thence, and after being unladen of her Cargoe here, departed from hence for Porto Novo four dayes agoe to be delivered unto y^e Merchants her owners according to our obligation, but we have notice, she is stopt and detained by an English Comp^a: Ship in y^e Road of Cuddaloor therefore we wrote to yo^r: Cheif there y^t might know y^e cause y^t moved y^m· to wrong us, but as yett we have noe answer.

With submision to yo^r· Hon^r: we do aver y^t such exploits be contrary to y^e mutuallity of our Royall Kings & customary civillity amongs [*sic*] men, we cannott think y^t· they have orders to deall soe with us, and to seek occasion too wrong us, for w^ch· end we shall be glad to hear whither there be a disagreem^t between our Nations, or any others orders out of Engla[nd to t]reat us after this rate, for we [*a few words lost*] desinging [*sic*] to offer [*a few words lost*] therefore we think it [would ?] be very just, and [*a few words lost*] to soe [*a few words lost*] without endeavouring any satesfaction.

I[hope Yo^r:] Hono^r: will explain to me y^e: Circumstance of this business, and give orders on yo^r: part to prevent such hostilities for y^e future and in expectation of w^ch: I effectually offer yo^r: Hono^r: my humble service and rest

Hono^ble S^r:
Yo^r most humble & true Serv^t:
MARTIN.

From on board Ship Rochester rideing in Cuddaloor road March y^e 11^th $168\frac{7}{8}$.

Most Hon^d: S^r:

I haveing followed yo^r: hono^rs: orders in making y^e best of my way for Cuddaloor where now I am but passing this morning Pulleycherry I saw 2 great ships at anchor in y^e road one of y^m: does make like y^t: ship your Hono^r: mentioned therefore I desired M^r· Nicks to send & see if itt is or not y^t I may know y^e better how to act in that case so wishing yo^r: Hon^r: health and happiness w^ch: is all needfull at present from

Hono^ble: S^r:
Yo^r: Hono^rs: most Humble Serv^t to Comand:
JOHN BROMWELL.

Chuttanutti
Feb^{ry}· 16th 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

To Y^{E} Hono^{ble}: Elihu Yale Esq^{r}:
Gov^{r}: of Fort S^{t}: George & Y^{E} Citty of Madrass
& Presid^{t}: for affairs of Y^{E} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}:
East India Comp^{a}: trading on Y^{E} Coast of Chormandell
Bay of Bengall South Seas &c^{a}: Councill.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Our last to your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: was on y^{e} 5th: Jan^{ry}: ℔ y^{e} Rochester Capt John Bromwell Comander who parted from hence [*a few words lost*] abusive manner despising all Governm^{ts}: [*a word or two lost*] some of our men contrary to y^{e} exp[*a few words lost*] party particularly a piper w^{ch}: he denyed to deliver upon our [*a few words lost*] ive order for y^{t}: en[d] severall prize goods [*a word lost*] plunder according to y^{e} enclosed attestation amongst other things there is a Petterra of Papers taken out of y^{e} Phousaders Ship w^{ch}· are of great consequence to y^{e} owners, he has carryed away unknown to us by w^{ch}: we are like to suffer if our R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Masters will suffer these things to pass unpunished there is noe tradeing here for there hono^{rs}: nor liveing for their Serv^{ts}:

Cap^{t}: John Consett Comand^{r}: of y^{e} Berkley Castle was dispatched alsoe from hence for Surratt on y^{e}: 17th: of Jan^{ry}: who was nothing less refractory y^{n}: y^{e} former and very abusive much in y^{e} same sence as particularly in y^{e} latter end of y^{e} last year's diary and this protest enclosed, to w^{ch}: we desire your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will be pleased to transmitt to England and to his Excellency at Surratt (if convenience offers,) y^{t}· he may be as well known there as here we refer yo^{r}: Hono^{rs}: &c^{a}: to y^{e} enclosed protest & attestation about y^{e} particulars.

The Nathaniell Cap^{t}: Tho: March Comander had alsoe sailed ere now for Persia were not great part of y^{e} Sugers provided for y^{t}· Voyage stopt at Cassumbazar upon y^{e} acco^{t}: of Custome Viz^{t}: 3500 bales notwithstanding our late articles of peace agreed upon so y^{t}· through y^{t}· disappointm^{t}: we are forced to supply y^{t}· defect with rice and ginger rather y^{n}· she should stay haveing but 2700 bales on board her for y^{e} R^{t}· Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: acc^{t}: and partly lett out to freight, and accordingly she is fallen down y^{e} river in persuance of s^{d}: voyage but in a most deplorable condition nott haveing [20] English on board her well, all y^{e} rest Lascars.

The uncertainty of our affairs at pres^{t}: is y^{e} only reason why we could make [*a word or two lost*] [con]siderable Investm^{t}; for we neither dare trust y^{e}· Merc [*a few words lost*] us, so w^{t}· is gott is brought [*a word or two lost*] hand by stealth [*a few words lost*] to a small matter [*a few words lost*] here [*a word or two lost*] on y^{e} Saphire being [*lacuna in the original*] bales Amounts to [*a word or two lost*] as ℔ Invoice soe y^{t}: we beleive we must be necessitated to return yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: great part of the treasure: [on] y^{e} resolution by some of y^{e} Latter ships from hence, w^{ch} we beleive may be y^{e} W^{m} Son w^{ch}: we design for y^{e} ffort laden with rice upon y^{e} acco^{t}: of a flying rumer here of y^{e} Mogulls being sett down before y^{t}· place with 9000 horse a report raised by y^{e} Dutch w^{ch}: gives us y^{e} rather not to beleive itt, but for y^{t}· reason, we have d[iverted] y^{e} recovery from her intended Voyage for Atcheen wth: rice, and she will sail from hence to yo^{r}: Hono^{r}: &c^{a}: in 2 or 3 dayes more, so y^{t}: though y^{e} R^{t}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: have recommended to us y^{e} settling of a ffactory in these parts, w^{ch} we designe yett for y^{e} aboves^{d}: reasons we think itt convenient to deferr y^{e} same a Little long^{r}: till we see how matters are like to stand in y^{e} bay or rather refer y^{t} materiall to yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: to doe therein as you think convenient, but if your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: have no occasion for s^{d}: rice on y^{e} recovery y^{n} you may be pleased to send her onward on her Voyage for Acheen where rice gives a considerable price we are informed 2 Bamboes a Mace, but if otherwise yo^{r}: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: should have occasion for s^{d} rice at y^{e} ffort we y^{n}: desire you would return s^{d} ship togeather with y^{e} Saphir frigatt by y^{e} very first conveniency they being y^{e} only 2 ships of any force or value now left us for o^{r}· defence in y^{e} Bay in case we should be

putt to itt, and as we have great occasion for ships stores and necessaries for y^e^ repairs of those of these Shipping by us, we desire a supply according to y^e^ list and y^t^ : yo^r^ : Hon^r^ &c^a^ send us on y^e^ Recovery or Saphar ffriggatt such planks and timbers as you can readily gett ordering one or both of them to touch at Madapollam [to] that end.

Wee here [*a few words lost*] your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : a little bagg of Gold amo^ts^ : to R^s^ : 13 [*a few figures and words lost*] being upon acco^t^ : of Int. due to M^r^ [*a few words lost*] merly advised their due is onely R^es^ [1228] the overplus being 77 R^s^ : 4 give us Creditt for.

Wee are in great wa[nt] for medicines and a Chirurgeon or a Chirurgions [*a word lost*] tho we Recd : a chest by y^e^ Resolution y^e^ same was but a small one, and ill found & but bad Medicines.

The Circomstance [*sic*] of the bay are much of one w^th^ : w^t^ : formerly advised of, to be feared they will be worse before they are better, and it behoves us to be upon our guard, otherwise we should have sent you all our Sould^rs^ : (tho but a few) and ammunition for your supply, but they begin to be sever [*sic*] upon us makeing severall dema^ds^ on us, and requiring Custome as above, we know not y^e^ event of things upon y^e^ arrivall of y^e^ new Nabob of Decca, much will be discovered till w^ch^ : we remaine under uncertaintys Subscribing ourselves

Hono^ble^ : &c^a^ :

Yo^r^ : most humble servants

JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

JEREMIAH PEACHIE.
CHARLES EYRE.

P.S.

Since ye writting hereof wee are advised y^t^ our Suggars at Cassimbuzar are released, and wee shall go neer to send them y^e^ intended Voyage.

The book of y^e^ Court of Admiralty being soe long ere twas dd in by y^e^ Judge y^t^ there could not be made any examination into the matter by reason it was just in y^e^ juncture of business upon dispatch of y^e^ Europe Ships for y^e^ Coast which was urged [to] y^e^ Judge Cap^t^ John Nicholson, but his reply was that all was delivered, whereupon wee said 'twould be requisite it might be made appeare to prevent any further confusion in y^e^ business that there might be an Exact, and due Correspondency between y^e^ Prize goods and y^e^ Court Records upon which y^e^ Judge seemed very much displeased saying that the goods were delivered into Custody and if Imbesillm^ts^ : had been made he could not prevent y^t^, and so left y^e^ Councill and went on board where he declared y^t^ unless wee would sign y^e^ book of Admiralty he would not sign any Diary or other papers relateing, wherefore we at his goeing away were willing to signe s^d^ books but no otherwise then y^t^ we appro [*a few letters lost*] Court proceedings, but utterly disowned to have rec^d^ : y^e^ prize goods [*a few words lost*] now find w^t^ we y^n^ said [*a few words lost*] to be true y^t^ : great quantities of y^m^ have been im [*a few letters lost*] and carryed away by some of y^e^ ships as ꝑticularly Capt Bromwell and Cap^t^ Consett according to an attestation and protest relateing to itt both w^ch^ : goes Inclosed.

The wine sent us by y^e^ Beaufort & W^m^ :son comes out short nere 30 bottles in a Chest and yett y^e^ Chests are full w^ch^ gives us to think some mistak may be committed in y^e^ Invoice, The Invoice of y^e^ Gold comes herew^th^ : as alsoe y^e^ Berkly Castles invoice according to order. Idem.

J : C.
F. E.
J. P.
C. E.

Hono^{d} : S^{r} :

Yo^{rs} : I Recd : bearing date y^{e} 8th : of ffeb^{ry} : but came not to my hands till y^{e} : 15th : in reguard y^{e} pacquett was ordered ashoar the y^{e} [*sic*] sloop arrived here y^{e} 13th in y^{e} morning w^{ch} : gave y^{e} enemy 3 dayes advantage, and accordingly have followed itt to y^{e} utmost of my power, as yo^{r} Wors^{p} : will hear of more at large in yo^{r} : Gen^{ll} : from y^{e} Banksaull and from Cap^{t}· March, he being an eye wittness to all our actions and for saving y^{e} shipps all endeavours was used both day and night for 6 or 7 dayes and nights, but all to no purpose being forced to burn y^{m}· at last, to all our sorrows, and as for M^{r} Hopper he is Secured and shall be detained as a prisoner.

Hono^{d} : s^{r} : since my last to you of detaining Don Johns Ship in y^{e} road and by dillig^{t} : search & threatning I have found y^{e} acco^{t} : of all y^{e} moors goods y^{t}· was on board and have gott y^{e} greatest part of it in my possession, aboard, and haveing severall times almost lost his ship, if we had not lett rid with our Cables and anchors ; soe haveing taken a bond for 200,000 R^{s}· lett him goe into y^{e} banksaull y^{e} Noquedah Isend [*a word lost*] and all y^{e} rest came with him by Cap^{t} : March wth· 5 [*a word or two lost*] sealed up and alsoe y^{e} Noquedah of Mullick [*a word or two lost*] wth· 2 Chest sealed, but y^{e} ship it is [*a few words lost*] we intending to Leave y^{e} Banksaull to carry some of y^{e} things [in] along with her, if we can gett anything off, w^{ch} : is [almost] impossible at y^{s} time of y^{e} year, and as for y^{e} maning of any ships tis impossible, I haveing so many Sick and 4 men killed outright and about 30 wounded so y^{t}· we have much adue to [keep] our ship fast, often braking our cables and cannott get off o^{r} : boats sometimes in 4 or 5 dayes or else I had been at Pipply before this time here is every day expected two very rich ships from Mallaca, y^{t}· belongs to y^{e} Moors w^{ch} : will be good fish w^{n} : its caught and if yo^{r} : Worsp : dont think it convenient y^{t}· I ride here till y^{e} middle of next month, I humble request y^{t}· M^{r}· George Herring be sent down, if any thing should prove amiss or loose o^{r} : Anchors, or brake our Cables w^{ch} God forbid.

Hono^{d} : S^{rs} : y^{e} particulars y^{t} : I have on board taken out of Don Johns Ship are as followeth.

Tinn	13548
Toothanegg	539
Copper	148
Cheney Chests	2
Cheng Caps smal boxes	2
Tiles in Chest	1
Granado shells	16
Shott	159
Small brass guns	3
Bras guns for Chamb^{rs} :	6
Chambers	11
Elephants Teeth	2

There are some things more w^{ch} : cannott be come att till y^{e} ship is unlivered of her burden, of w^{ch} : we shall take care off, and for all other transactions, we referr yo^{r} : Wors^{p} : &c^{a} : Councill to Cap^{t} : March : to give you acco^{t} : of, and this is all at present.

I Remain

From on board y^{e} Ship Rochester riding in Ballasore road ; March 4th : 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

Yo^{r} : Humble Servant

JOHN BROMWELL.

A true Coppy attested

℔ Ri : Watts.

No [*a word or two lost*] Cap^{t}· Bromwell here mentions is more y · he dd : into y [*a word or two lost*] miralty as ℔ s^{d}· book.

WHEREAS Capt: [John Brom] well Comandr· of Ship Rochester in a Lettr· to ye Rt Worsll: Agent &ca : Councill dated ye 4th [March] 168⅞ Char[ged] me Tho: March : Commander of ship Na[thaniell] with 7 Chests putt on board ship Nathaniell in Ballasore road, Now I the Sd Capt : Tho : March doe acknowledge to have Recd : severall Chests from on board sd Ship in Ballasore road, with this injunction yt I should keep all ye Chests till his arrivall at Hidgly, wch : sd : chests I accordingly· did deliver to him upon his arrivall there, and as I gave noe receipt for sd : chests so I took none from him ye truth of wch : I assert by these presents, Wittness my hand this sixth day of ffebry One Thousand Six hundred Eighty seaven.

Signed in ye presence of

THO : MARCH.

JEREMIAH PEACHIE
CHARLES EYRE
RI : WATTS.

WHEREAS you Capt· John Consett Comandr of Ship Berkley Castle, haveing charged yor self in ye register of ye Court of Admiralty with severall ships stores, guns and amunitions taken out of ye prize Ship Derreaw Doulett formerly belonging to ye King of Siam being 3 guns valued 90rs : 5 Pattereras 14rs : 4 old Cables 35rs : and 2 Suit of old Sailes 30rs amots : in all to Rs· 169 and you do now refuse to discharge yor : self of ye same by dilivering ym· up or to make satisfaction to ye Rt· Honble· Compa : for ym : and have likewise recd . aboard yor sd : Ship, sundry goods and Merchandize belonging to your Self and others, to transport for Surrat without our orders or knowledge, as alsoe ye Person of Mr Tho : Haggerstone and his goods and necessaries, wthout ordrs contrary to an express article in yor· Charter party in yt Case provided : by means of all wch : ye Rt Honoble : Compa : are like to come to considerable damages ; by ye loss of freight and otherwise ; therefore we ye Agent and Councill for affaires of ye Govern· and Compa : of Merchts· of London trading into ye East Indies in ye [Bay of] Bengall Bahar Orixa &ca : in behalf of ye sd : Govern· : [*a word or two lost*] their Successours, of orselves & or· heires doe make the [*a word or two lost*] protest and declare agst you ye sd : [command?] der of ship Berkley Castle and against ye owners of ship [*a line or two lost*] owing upon ye accot of gu [*about half a line lost*] detained by you and for yor : [*a word or two lost*] ing and [*a few words lost*] ye sd· ship severall goods and merchandize, as alsoe Mr Tho : Haggerstone passenger with his goods & Necessaries for Saratt, without our orders declareing you ye sd· Capt· John Consett ye owners of Ship Berkley Castle and ye sd ship Berkley Castle, liable to make satisfaction to ye sd· Govern· and Compa : and their Successours, to us and our heirs, for all such damages, as allready are or hereafter shall be sustained by ye sd · Govern· : & Compa : or by us by yor· so detaind ye sd· prize ships stores Guns and amunition, and your receiveing on board sd Ship severall quantities of Sugar and bale goods without our order or by any otherways [or] means wtt : soever. Dated at Chuttanutte January 23d : 168⅞.

JOB CHARNOCK.
FRAN : ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.
JERE : PEACHIE.
CHARLES EYRE.

The Protest was tendred to Capt : John Consett by Wm : Bowridge in ye presence of Mr· Leigh Mr· Gutter & Mr : Randyll.

GEORGE HERRON
SAMLL : PINE.

A true Coppy Attested
℔ Ri : Watts :

WHEREAS whilst I John Consett Comandr : of ye : Berkley Castle rid at an anchor in Hugly river you ye Rt· [Worsp. Sr] Job Charnock Esqr : &ca : Councill for ye affairs of ye Rt : Honoble ye English East India Compa· in Bengall did most

illegal[ly] seiz detain and imprison severall of my men without just Cause who immediately after their Releasm^{t}: [*a word or two lost*] service of my s^{d}: Ship declaring their unjust impr [*a word or two lost*] be y^{e} onely cause, and alsoe your not dispatching [*a word or two lost*] till y^{e} advantage of y^{e} moonsoon was past so [*a word or two lost*] cannott be sailed without great hazard and danger of [*a word or two lost*] damage both of Ship and Cargo; wherefore I y^{e} s^{d}· Joh[n Bromwell] Comander of s^{d}: Ship, doe one y^{e} behalf of myself [*a word or two lost*] make this my lawfull protest, and declaration, [*a word or two lost*] actually protest and declare agst: you y^{e} s^{d}: Job Ch[arnock] &c^{a}· Councill for Ben [*a word or two lost*] these yo^{r}: most unjust actions, w^{ch}: are to [*a word or two lost*] im^{t}: of and dan [*a few words lost.*] Recd a protest by y^{e} hands of M^{r}· Tho: [*a word or two lost*] y^{e} Agent &c^{a} Councill w^{ch}: most falsly and unjustly charges me with haveing in my Custody 3 small iron guns 5 [Paterores] 2 Setts of old Sails and 4 old cables belonging to y^{e} Deria Dowler; I y^{e}: s^{d}: John Consett do declare and aver y^{t}; all y^{e}: s^{d}: goods were putt on board y^{e} Ship Resistance, afterwards disposed of, by you y^{e} s^{d}· Agent and Councill excepting one of old cables, w^{ch}: I tendred to Cap^{t}: Herron for y^{e} Comp^{as}: use, w^{ch}: he refused to accept declaring [to] M^{r} Martin it was not worth anything, and further for rescuing [*sic*] and detaining, M^{r} Tho. Haggerstone, wth divers goods, and Merchandize of mine, his and divers other persons to y^{e} Detrim^{t}: of y^{e} Comp^{a} without yo^{r} order knowledge or privity. I y^{e} s^{d}: John Consett doe declare y^{t}: I tendred y^{e} s^{d}: Tho: Haggerstone to Cap^{t} John Herron M^{r}· Tho: Bowridge and M^{r}· Sam^{ll}: Pine 3^{d} of y^{e} Comp^{a} serv^{ts} w^{ch}: refused to receive him; and alsoe y^{t}· I have not taken in any goods or Merchandize of mine or his or any other persons to y^{e} damage of y^{e} Comp^{a}: or Cargoe therefore your protest is most false and illegall Wittness my hand this 5th: day of ffeb^{ry}: 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

Wittness — John Consett

Phillip Leigh
W^{m}· Gutter
[R]oger Randyll.

An attestation of words spoke by Cap^{t} John Consett att y^{e} delivery of y^{e} protest y^{e} 5th day of ffeb^{r} 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

God damn y^{e} Agent and Councill;

I wish to God I was near y^{e} Agent, I would run him through, and all his Concubines and should be glad to be hang[d] up y^{e} next minute for such an act, O how I would shave y^{e} Dogs beard; That damn'd son of a whore M^{r}· Ellis y^{t} has drank soe much burn'd Cinamon in my round house y^{t} he should sett his hand to y^{e} protest. And y^{t}: little Pimp of a Bawdey house M^{r}· Peachie y^{t} Son of a bitch a damn'd son of a whore y^{t}· has recd. soe much kindness from me, he to abuse me thus; adding y^{t} they were all sons of whores & rogues endeavouring to undoe him [&] thus for at least 2 hours continued he cursing and swearing damning and sinking all y^{e}: Comp^{a}: [*a word or two lost*] & haveing cast off y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble}· Comp^{a}: Ketch from his ship side wth [*a word or two lost*] anchor, to y^{e} hazard of loosing s^{d} Vessell particu [*a few letters lost*] threatnings [*a word or two lost*] away for Surat & make us pay for o^{r}· Victuals.

W^{m}· Bowrid[ge].
Sam^{ll}: Pine.

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List of y^{e} pacquect to y^{e} ffort by y^{e} Saphir 16th ffeb^{ry} 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

No. 1. Bengall Generall to y^{e} ffort 16th ffeb^{ry} 168$\frac{7}{8}$.
2. Bengall Generall to y^{e} R^{t}· Hon^{ble}· Comp^{a}·
3. Invoice of Goods sent on y^{e} Saphir.
4. Ship Saphirs bill of Ladeing.
5. List of prize goods on board y^{e} Kathrina W^{n}· taken.
6. Acco^{t}: of w^{t}· things taken out of Don Johns ship.

7. Coppy of Cap$^{t.}$ Bromwells L$^{r.}$ to y^{e} Agent &c$^{a.}$ dated March 4th 168$\frac{6}{7}$.
8. Cap$^{t.}$ Marchs attestation ffeb^{ry} 6th 168$\frac{7}{8}$.
9. Coppy of a protest ag$^{st.}$ Cap$^{t.}$ Consett.
10. Coppy of Cap$^{t.}$ Consetts protest ag$^{st.}$ y^{e} Agent &c^{a}.
11. Coppy of ship Berkly Castles Invoice 12th March 168[$\frac{7}{8}$].
12. Attestation of words spoken by Cap$^{t.}$ Consett.
13. Coppy of a paper of M$^{r.}$ Haggerstones to indempnifie y^{e} Comp$^{ny.}$
14. Coppy of a paper given to M$^{r.}$ Haggerstone by y^{e} Ag [^{t}].
15. Invoice of Gold boug$^{t.}$ on acc^{t} M^{r} Richard Childs.
16. List of storees [*sic*] wanting Bengall.
17. List of y^{e} pacquett

Translate of a letter from Mahomed Sadee Seerkell from Wandawash to y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Elihu Yale President—no Date.

I enjoy good health & should be glad to hear y^{e} like from your honour I rec$^{d.}$ y^{r} hono$^{rs.}$ friendly letter & [have] observed the contents att w^{ch} I heartily rejoyced therein y^{t} the Divans people att Surrat and y^{e} [Bay] had injured y^{r} people so soon as I rec$^{d.}$ y$^{r.}$ L^{r}. I wrote to court about it and wth in a few days I shall receive an answer & as far as lyes in my power y^{r} bussiness shall be forwarded & settled in Surratt Bengall Golcondah as formerly and none shall prejudice the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp$^{(a)}$ affairs but their affairs shall be better carryed on y^{n} formerly I desire a continual friendship may be carryed on between y$^{r.}$ Hono$^{r.}$ & me and y^{t} y^{r} Hono^{r} would send orders to y^{r} factories y^{t} none of y^{r} people affront y^{e} Divans but carry them[selves] civilly towards them. I hear y^{t} some of y^{e} Divans servants have protection in Madrass if so 'tis not reason y^{t} yo^{r} hono$^{r.}$ should protect y^{m} if yo$^{r.}$ hon$^{or.}$ act so there will be great demands upon you but as for [*a word lost*] is past there's [*a word or two lost*] of it and if your honor expects to have favou [*a word or two lost*] he Divan you must not pro [*a few letters lost*] their people [*a few words lost*] more but turn those [*a word or two lost*] of yo$^{r.}$ fo [*a few words lost*] eady there w^{ch} [*a few words lost*] secure you from any future demands I have now sent Mahomed Jaffar to yo$^{r.}$ parts about y^{e} Divans bussiness and if he should dem$^{d.}$ any of y^{e} Divans servants out of y^{r} town I desire you not to deny y^{e} delivery of y^{m} which will increase freindship between yo$^{r.}$ honour and me Y$^{r.}$ hon$^{or.}$ being a very understanding person I need not enlarge further save to desire y^{r} hono^{rs} future Commands.

To Y^{E} Hono$^{BLE.}$ Elihu Yale Esq$^{R.}$
President and Govenor [*sic*] off
Fort S$^{T.}$ George &c$^{A.}$ Council.

Bankoke Nov^{br} 2$^{d.}$ 1687.

Hono^{ble} S$^{r.}$ &c$^{a.}$

Passing this place for Syam wee accedently [*sic*] mett wth this oppertunity of a french ship bound for Metchlepotam y^{e} shortness of time and present Circumstances of affairs enforces us to brevity, for it is much to be questioned whither this will reach yo$^{r.}$ hands.

The 15th of Sep$^{t.}$ we spied a ship which we followed from 10 att night till 1 in the morning and fired 3 severall times att him att length we found t'was Cap$^{t.}$ Burton who had been 5 dayes from Acheen his meeting w$^{th.}$ us was a great satisfaction because of y^{e} ill weather he had been in and wee hope it was a great means of saveing his passage which else might have been lost by missreckoning. The 20th Ditto wee saw a ship and sloop lye under the Island Grande who wee supposed to be Cap$^{t.}$ Weltden & y^{e} James sloop (it being about noon) they bore down upon us y^{e} ship had 24 Guns w$^{th.}$ an English Ensigne w$^{th.}$ the cross downward and y^{e} white sullied w$^{th.}$ red yet not so but that it was vissible to all persons yet on board: y^{e} Comm$^{dr.}$ Cap$^{t.}$ Cropley speaking to us we commanded him on board but he said we should come on board him. Whereupon we poured a broad side into him and seconded it w$^{th.}$ our small armes: y^{n} we both shott att Croply y^{e} one shott cutt y^{e} tackle block

over his head y^e^ other went through y^e^ sleeve of his gown thus wee continued till night parted wee had [*a word or two lost*] the sloop but Croply took her away in tow [*a word or two lost*] nimble for us and could spare us sail in y^e^ [*a word or two lost*] wee bent our course for Mergen [*a few words lost*] us but being unacquainted with y^e^ Channell wee had like to have fallen among y^e^ rocks y^e^ same day Croply came from under y^e^ Island w^th.^ y^e^ sloop & 12 men of warr boats as we (mistrusting mischeif) were entring with a white flag and bare directly upon us but seeing y^e^ white flag came to parly John Hill went on board him (till y^n^ we knew not t'was Croply but knew t'was an English Commander) & goeing back to y^e^ ship was detained w^th.^ y^e^ boats Company and y^e^ boat till y^e^ 23^d^, for We did not get in till y^n^ Croply being asked why he acted contrary to y^e^ laws of nations in detaining y^e^ afores^d.^ persons answered t'was not his fault but y^e^ Mandareens on board.

W^n.^ we came on shoar we found a french Govenour who was sent to treat w^th.^ Cap^t.^ Weltden but came to late for y^e^ massacre of y^e^ English in Mergen had been Commited before his arrivall (of w^ch.^ we suppose y^or.^ Hon^or.^ &^ca.^ will have heard of by M^r^ White & Cap^t.^ Weltden It was acted w^th.^ as much inhumanity as, almost was ever heard of or read of some dutch likewise concerned in itt who w^th^ those cheifly concerned in itt are made prisoners & sent to Siam whither we are hastening, haveing left Cap^t.^ Perriman to fitt his ship att Mergen till our return, but never went men to sea worse provided w^th^ amunition & provissions so rotten & offencive enough to breed a pestilence y^t^ if we had been forced to sea should unavoidably have perished Our passage hither hath been very teadious haveing been ever since y^e^ 7^th^ past on o^r.^ Journey wee hear my L^d.^ Phaulkon hath provided us a [*a word lost*] att Syam & hath expected us severall dayes.

Here are 4 french ships arrived with 600 men 300 of w^ch.^ are ordered for Mergen & one with many sick people one this Coast hath lost her Moonsoon.

We must begg y^or.^ Hono^r.^ &c^a.^ favourable interpretation for this brevity and scribble for absolute necessity compels us to itt this comes under covert to John Hills wife y^e^ Cap^t.^ hath promised to take care of its delivery though we have reasons to [doubt] itt; and yo^r.^ hono^r.^ &c^a^ may be assured by y^e^ first good conveyance to have a full acco^t.^ of all affairs & y^t^ no diligence [shall] be wanting in us as to y^e^ performance of a [*a word or two lost*] manner of dutty & obediance to o^r^ R^t^: Hono^ble^ [Mas]ters Commands & propogation [of] their Interest by [*a word or two lost*] we are come resolutly thus farr we will unalter [*a word or two lost*] or fall being theirs and

[*a few words lost.*]

Yo^r.^ faithfull humble ser·[v^ts.^]

P.S. W^M^ Hodges.

Wee dare not seal this as we should for fear of discovery. John Hill.

Translate of a letter from Mungauraja Bramine att Madapollam to y^e^ Hono^ble.^ Elihu Yale Esq^r.^ Goven^r.^ of ffort S^t.^ George, no date.

Yo^r.^ hono^r.^ letter I have rec^d.^ to w^ch^: give all due respects & find therein yo^r.^ hono^r.^ commands my comeing to y^e^ ffort & to bring y^e^ Hono^ble.^ Comp^a^: acco^t^: of May June & July as also M^r^ Wales acco^ts.^ w^ch.^ M^r.^ ffreeman formerly wrote to me about y^e^ same w^ch.^ I sent by y^e^ last conveyance.

All this part of y^e.^ Country is under Hussunbeeg Goverm^t.^ likewise Gingerlee Country as far as Chekacull whose Seer-lascar is under Husumbeegs Policull formerly under y^e^ Dutch Governm^t^: is also under Hussunbeeg and y^e^ Dutch have nothing to doe therew^th.^ Hussunbeeg haveing putt y^e^ Cheif of y^e^ Dutch Merch^ts.^ & Braminees of y^e^ place into prison att Penugundah and I hear Hussumbeeg is designed to visitt these parts and so return to Gingerlee again.

The Eighty Pagos. sent by ye Merchts. have recd. & perceive yor. honr. has pd. ym. their mony and tashereifed ym. wth. all wch y~ constantly acknowledge ye favour done ym by every oppertunity that offers & my apology for not waiting one yor: honr. according to order plead this for itt self yt I had provided Cooleys &ca. necessarys for coming away but by ye Merchts. parswaisions was advised to ye contrary saying that now the Governmt. was under ye Mogull & if I went away who should look after ye factory or concerns since they latly served ye Dutch very ill att Pullicul this I leave to yor. Honrs. consideration and await yor. further orders wch. shall be accordinly obeyed wch. sd. Merchts. as they tell me have wrot to your honr. about it ye peons mony is paid ym and for ye safty of ye factory continue no more then yor: honr. ordered me by Narso ye Catwall since ye famine has happened a vast number of people are dead & those yt. have recovered (no boats coming from ye Gingerlee Country by reason of ye. winds & currt. changing so soon yt paddy that was 5 Pas. ℔ candy before is now risen to 12) will scrace [*sic*] be able to subsist so yt ym that are able to go are mostly gone to Gingerlee besides wch. ye. new Governmt. dayly torment ye Inhabitants for mony [wn?] Hussunbeeg arrive [s here?] wt he will do God knows but you may assure yr [self] yt neither care nor diligence shall be wanting [*a word or two lost*] timely advice to yr honr. desireing yr. honr. to [*a few words lost*] yr favours towards me.

Translate of a letter from ye Honoble. Compa. Maddapollam Merchts. to ye Honoble. Elihu Yale Esqr. President of Maddrass dated March ye: 1st: $168\frac{7}{8}$

The Merchts. wee sent to yor. honor are arrived here wth. a very great sence of yor honor. favour to them not only for paying ym their mony due from ye honoble. Compa. but for a more peculiar one in giveing ym Tashereifs for wch. wee return yor honor. hearty thanks wn. yor. Cheif & 2d of yr. factory departed for Maddrass he gave order to Mungauraja to take care of us from ye new Government in yor. honrs: behalf wch he has punctually obeyed in every particular & these are to desire yor. honrs. to take into yor: serious consideration yt notwithstanding ye Dutch have a settlemt. at Golcondah where they can presently shew their aggrevianees [yet] Hussumbeeg has putt in prison severall of ye Dutch Merchts. att Pullicull & torments them greviously the Country is very much unsettled & troubled wth. robbers every way & we hear hussumbeeg is a comeing for these pts upon wch. as Mungauraja was setting out from hence we discoursed him & told him ye approaching danger likely to ensue if he went where we prevailed wth. him to stay till yor. honrs. further orders & we humbly begg yor. honr. till ye Country is better settled to lett him stay where he is & to write to Mungauraja to take care of us till ye English come here ym selves & as we have hitherto lived quietly by ye Honoble. Compa. protection therefore we thought fitt to trouble yr. Honr. with our request.

Letter from ye Pettipolee Dubash Vincatadry & Bramine Arapa to ye Honoble. Elihu Yale Esqr. Govenr. of ffort St. George, no Date.

Wee recd. yr. honrs. letter where we observe ye contents & heartly [*sic*] rejoyce & find therein yr honor very rightly saies yt ye rent of ye Compa. things yt are in Bobas house is very Chargeable to continue and [*a word lost*] yn their occasions require wch. yr. honr. | *a word or two lost*] to take a little godown or else send ym. down [to] Metchlepatam when Mr Littleton and Mr Shales departed thence they putt all ye Compa. lumber into Bobas house where they kept six peons and gave one months wages to each after wch. they gave leave and wè came down to or houses att Metchlepatam; where ye peons being almost starved came to us desireing 2 mos. wages wch. we accordingly paid ym where [*sic*] they returned to their charge but ye. freshes over flowing where [*sic*] they starved for want of provision upon wch. news we went to petipolee & found all things as we left ym in ye godown except some toddy boards being left in ye old factory wch. we can hear no tydings of ym. We have strictly enquired after ym. but there is no people left to answer us: after ye receipt of yrs: honrs: Letter we went to ye Landlord Bobba and agreed to retrench ye former charges where we took a little godown att 2 pas. ℔ mo. for ye Compa. things we have locked & sealed

it safely y^e^ pay thereof to commence from y^e^ 22^d^ ffb^ry^· last past w^t^· is due to Bobba upon s^d^· acco^t^· he has wrote to his people to receive it of y^r^ hon^or^: we were trying according to y^r^· hono^rs^· orders to procure boats to send y^m^ to Metchlepatam butt could gett none therefore was forced to take a godown we remaine w^th^out any employm^t^· as yet so await y^or^· hono^rs^· further commands.

To Y^E^ Hon^BLE^: Elihu Yale Esq^R^·
President & Gover^R^: &c^A^ Council
in ffort S^T^· George.

Conimeer March 20^th^ $168\frac{7}{8}$.

Hon^ble^: S^r^· &c^a^·

Yours of y^e^ 15^th^ instant we rec^d^· y^e^ 18 ditto to which shall now respectfully reply. Wee have been sometimes since endeavouring y^e^ procurey of a Cowl from Harje Raja for y^e^ warranting & continueing y^e^ mounting o^r^· gunns w^ch^· we thank God has proved so effectuall y^t^· we have obtained o^r^· desires and likewise beyond expectation, for this Cowl & all y^e^ accompanying letters w^th^: y^e^ former orders remitted to you have not cost us much more then P^gs^· 100 but we apply'd o^r^· selves to fitt Agents and they as cautiously following o^r^· orders, have brought all to a good end & now since wee have athority from under y^e^ Kings chop for w^t^· we doe we humbly desire you will please to order us some force to defend [*a word or two lost*] for y^e^ sarall officers of y^e^ Divan all of y^m^ now [*a word lost*] they are disapointed of their vast expectation [*a word lost*] us are all combined ag^st^· this place they have [*a word or two lost*] vern^mt^· now and where they can overpower; fear they will make all their owne, y^e^ Cowl you may please to observe is dated about 3 Years agoe y^e^ orriginall we still keep by us to shew upon occasion to see if it will avail & whether there are remaining yett any sparks of respect to Govern^mt^· because we hear there are 300 Morrattaes coming down ag^st^· us, but very suddenly we shall forward itt to you.

If we find we are not able to deal with y^e^ force a coming down ags^t^· us shall y^n^ presume to send to Cuddaloor for y^e^ Rochester to asist [*sic*] us & shall then according to y^r^· order lade o^r^· bales upon her.

We have already sent o^r^· bookes for y^e^ years $168\frac{5}{6}$ & $168\frac{6}{7}$ but M^r^· King whom you have been pleased to order to write under y^e^ 2^d^· has been so much employed in y^e^ Warehouse likewise; has not had time to transcribe y^m^ but now y^t^: bussiness is over you shall most assuredly have their transcribes very suddenly our books for this year $168\frac{7}{8}$ are now brought up to ffeb^ry^ therefore as you are pleased to ℔mitt M^r^· Holcombe comes now to y^e^ ffort who is y^e^ bearer of this & from whom you will receive particular satisfaction in all things.

O^r^ goods this year being all course y^e^ washing has been chargeable to us & likewise upon y^e^ acco^t^· of y^e^ dayly troubles y^t^· surrounded us y^e^ charge of y^e^ factory has [*Lacuna in the original*] of consequence we therefore humbly desire you will please to send us a supply of mony as soon as possiable for we have not now one Cash left in y^e^ factory w^ch^· being w^t^· offers att present we respectfully concluded these remaining

Hono^ble^· S^r^· &c^a^·
Yo^r^· most hum^ble^· serv^ts^
John Willcox.
Simon Holcombe.
John Devett.

Translate of a letter from Harje Raja to the Hon^ble^· William Gyford Esq^r^· President of Maddrass Dated y^e^· 6^th^· Octo^r^ 1685.

The letter y^t^ you sent by Tagana as also w^t^ he discoursed by word of mouth have taken into consideration and y^e^ said Tagana telling me you wanted Ground for y^r^· house att Conimeer for w^ch^ I have Granted leave for building of y^e^· house in

Conimeer & likewise after y^e^ same manner as y^e^ french att Pullicherry & Dutch att Tignapatam and further I refer you to Tagna so would have you to take care of your factory & wish y^o^· to live happy.

Translate of a letter from Sauage Pontulo to M^r^· John Willcox Cheif of Conimeer, no date.

I enjoy good health & am very glad to hear y^t^· you do y^e^ same I rec^d^· your letter and was very glad to hear its contents and further by discourse w^th^· your man Peranda Modiliar all w^ch^· I have taken into consideration my M^r^ Harje Raja has since wrott letters to you w^ch^· w^n^· you receive and have read y^e^ contents dont question but shall prove satisfactory to you & your man Peranda Modiliar makeing itt his request y^t^ some orders may be sent down to some persons y^t^ have been troublesome to you I have procured them & forewarded y^m^ to y^o^· & further please to give a hearing to Peranda Modiliar so please to command me as your occasions require.

Translate of a letter from Greedarra Pontulo to M^r^· John Willcox Cheif of Conimeer.

I enjoy good health & hope you doe y^e^ same & having rec^d^· a character of y^r^· goodness from Peranda Moudiliar of w^ch^· I was very glad to hear & have rec^d^· a great deal of satisfaction by y^e^ same & as for y^e^ writings in w^t^· I was able &c^a^· to y^e^ uttmost of my power in procuring y^m^ & have forwarded them to you & in what further service you shall command I shall be very ready to serve you & further I refer you to Peranda Moudiliar in w^t^· he shall say to y^o^ w^ch^· please to take into y^r^· consideration & to command me upon all occasions.

From on board ship Rochester
riding off Cuddaloor March 20^th^ $168\frac{7}{8}$

Most hono^d^ : S^rs^ :

I haveing had this ship 10 dayes in possession and chaseing her I fireing att least 12 great gunns before she came to anchor & then all of her men running ashoar to make their escape & keeping out french collours tho never a french man on board nor nobody to make any enquire after her have thought fitt to send her down to y^r^· hon^r^· and Councill to be examined & to see if any body will chall[enge] her therefore M^r^· Nicks has wrott to y^e^· french [*a word lost*] and has no answer about itt & all y^t^ I can hear [*a word lost*] she did unload att Pullicherry & was bound [from thence] to Porto Novo but I suppose by some things that she has in her she must come from Siam to Atcheen & so to Pullicherry all y^t^ we found in her great Cabin Round house & between decks we putt into her hould (w^ch^· was chests Jarr &c^a^·) there being nothing deminish[d] except 3 small gunns w^ch^· I have taken out there being no powder aboard & as for y^e^ other ship there shall nothing be wanting in me to answere y^r^· hon^r^ : expectation w^ch^· y^e^ needfull from

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ :
Your most faithfull serv^t^
JOHN BROMWELL.

Translate of a letter from Badehulzamon to y^e^ Hon^ble^· Elihu Yale Esq^r^· Gov^r^· of Fort S^t^· George, no Date.

I hear from y^r^· Dubash att Metchlepotam of y^r^ : Prudent management of affairs as also y^r^· inclinations & designes and am given to understand y^t^ y^r^ people are a comeing to ressetle here w^ch^· y^e^ sooner y^e^ better and you may rest y^r^· self assured & lett no other thought enter into y^r^ heart but be sattisfied y^t^ you may for y^e^ future

continue your trade as formerly you may bring y^r. ships & vessels here for y^e better increasing y^r. trade w^ch. service will be mighty acceptable to y^e mighty Allumgeer even before any other nation this I leave to y^r. hon^r: consideration expecting an answer so soon as possiable y^t I may be acquainted of y^r. hon^r. good health and I hope o^r. friendship may continue dayly &c^a.

To Y^E HON^BLE: ELIHU YALE ESQ^R: Ganjam, ffeb^ry: 29^th 168$\frac{7}{8}$

PRESID^T: &C^A. COUNCILL

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:

I hope long ere this the Rogester hath arrived att y^e ffort from hence she set sail y^e 6^th: Curr^t: By this ship comes on y^e Comp^a. acco^t: 100 Gerce Paddy wh[ose] contents & cost wi[ll app]ear by y^e enclosed Invoice w^ch [is] to pay according to [your agreement] 35 ℔ Cent & was y^e cheap[est] vessel procurable here [*a word lost*] could not gett any other [under ?] 40 ℔ Cent. & R^s. 200 [*a word lost*]nd which att present [*a word or two lost*] needfull to advise crave leave to subscribe

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a

Y^r. very humble serv^t:

CHARLES FFLEETWOOD.

To Y^E HON^BLE: ELIHU YALE ESQ^R. Chuttanutte ffeb^ry. 21^st: 168$\frac{7}{8}$

PRESIDENT & GOVER^R: &C^A: COUNCILL

Hon^ble S^r &c^a.

Our last to y^r: hono^r: &c^a: was y^e 16^th: Instant ℔ the Saphir Cap^t. Tho. Lacy Commander on whom we laded acc^t: y^e: R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^a: 145 Ba: w^ch: we hope will arrive you in safty.

This goes by y^e Recovery Cap^t: John Hampton Command^r: whom we have laden w^th: rice butter & oyl acco^t: y^e R^t: Hono^ble: Comp^a: as also [*Lacuna in the original*] Bales of goods amounting to as ℔ Invoice R^s [*Lacuna in the original*] Wee also send you coppys of 2 Generalls ℔ y^e Saphir to y^e R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^a: and to y^r: Hono^r: &c^a: w^ch. is y^e present needfull from

P.S.—

Cap^t: Sharp haveing (through) mistake sent by Cap^t: Bromwell a box belonging to y^e deceased M^r. Hannum to M^r: Heathfeild we desire itt may be disposed of and brought to his acco^t: as also a Chest belonging to y^e s^d deceased M^r: Hannum dd to M^r: Heathfeild by Cap^t: Sharp w^n: att y^e ffort y^e: Chest belonging to M^r Heathfeild comes on y^e Recovery.

Hono^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Y^r: most humble serv^ts

JOB CHARNOCK.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
JEREMIAH PEACHIE.
CHARLES EYRE.

We are in great want of amunition swords desire 100 may be sent us.

The particulars in y^e^ Chest & box belonging to M^r^· John Hannum are as followeth Viz^t^:

∓ H. N^o^· 1. 4 Dozen bottles of Clarett
20 Bottles of Orange water
3 D^o^: Sirrup of Tilly flowers
30 Bottles black cherry brandy
18 [D^o^·] plain brandy

Box N^o^ 2 6 [*a word or two lost*] shoes
[*a word or two lost*] Beavor hatt
[*a word or two lost*] hattband
[*a word or two lost*] erruque 2 Rubbers for hatts

Idem J.C.
F.E.
J.P.
C.E.

List of y^e^ Pacquett ℔ y^e^: Recovery

N^o^· 1 Generall to y^e^ ffort ffeb^ry^ 21^st^ 168$\frac{7}{8}$
2 Coppy of Bengall Generall to y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^· Comp^a^ ℔ y^e^ Saphir ffeb^ry^ 16
3 Coppy of Bengall Generall to y^e^ Fort ffeb^ry^· 16 ℔ D^o^ ship.
4 ship Recoverys Invoice
5 List of y^e^ Pacquett

To y^e^ Hon^ble^ Elihu Yale Esq^r^:
Presidt & Gover^r^· &c^a^: Councill.

Hugly River ffeb^ry^:
24 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

May itt please y^r^ hon^r^ &c^a^ according to y^e^ R^t^: Worsp^ll^: &c^a^: Councills order I have dispatched y^e^ ship Recovery Cap^t^: John Hampton & here enclosed comes her bill of lading to y^r^: hono^r^: &c^a^: I crave leave to subscribe

Hono^ble^ S^r^: &c^a^:
Y^r^: most obed^t^ servant
W^m^ Bowridge.

Translate of a Letter from Mahomed Saudeek Seerkeel att Wandawassee to y^e^ Hono^ble^: Elihu Yale Esq^r^: President of ffort S^t^: George, No date.

I enjoy good health & should be glad to hear y^e^ like from y^r^: honour & as I know you expect y^e^ mighty Allumgeers favour towards you so you must by no means give any manner of protection, or shelter (as we are informed you have hither to done) to y^e^ Conjaverone Merch^ts^: bramine &c^a^· people much to y^e^ detriment & loss of y^e^ Duan here w^ch^· news has already reacht to y^e^ mighty Allumgeers Court who immediately issued out an order to mee for y^e^ speedy adviseing y^r^· hon^r^: therew^th^· in hopes of y^r^· ready complyance to his desire and indeed he does not seem a little disguested thereatt by his letter to me for advicing yo^r^· hon^r^: w^ch^: is cheifly the occasion of these & upon receipt hereof deliver up to my people y^e^ Conjaveron Merc^ts^· Bramines Sheroffs Officers &c^a^ people together w^th^· their families Concernes, & every thing else pertaining thereto & lett none of y^e^ formentioned find any assistance from you w^ch^· service [will be] very pleasing & acceptable to y^e^ Mighty Allumgeer as also security for yo^r^· self & from this day forwards permitt none of them w^th^· out my Dustick to come w^th^ in y^r^ town w^ch^· (as I caution yo^r^· for y^e^ best) be sure lett itt be accordingly performed, being as a tryall of y^r^· service to y^e^ Mighty

Allumgeer y^r^ hono^r^ being an understanding person I need not enlarge hereon w^th^ needless repetitions supposing y^r^ own interest will be a sufficient motive to direct y^o^ for y^e^ best w^ch^ is a generall maxime observed by all men and I question not but our friendly correspondancey will continue & quotidially encrease to our mutuall satisfaction and better acquaintance &c^a^.

Translate of a letter from Mahomed Saudeek from Wandawassee to y^e^ Hon^ble^ : Elihu Yale President, No date.

I Rec^d^ y^r^ friendly letter and have observed the contents thereof you wrote me therein y^t^ lately severall of y^e^ Mogulls subjects by reason of y^e^ trouble in this Country came to y^r^ town for shelter but they were gone again and there only remained some poor innocent woemen who Mahomed Jaffars people offer'd injuries too—no body can deny but y^t^ you have been very kind and assistant to Allumgeers people but however ever since y^e^ Divans officers & their families have remained in y^r^ town itt has been a great hinderance to y^e^ Divans bussiness therefore by all means you must send y^e^ Divans people & their families out of y^r^ town if not all y^e^ good service you have already don will be lookt upon as nothing this is Allumgeers bussiness these Bramenys are deceitfull people and will invent bussiness upon occasion & whoever has to do w^th^ them getts discreditt as times goes & tis nott good to ruin a great affair w^ch^ is prosperously going on for a triffle I desire y^r^ hono^r^ to beleive me y^r^ well wisher & often desire to be acquainted of y^r^ hon^rs^ good health.

To y^e^ Hono^ble^ Elihu Yale
President & Govern^r^ : of Fort S^t^ George.

Pullicherry Aprill 3^d^ : 1688.

I rec^d^ yours dated $\frac{2}{3}\frac{0}{0}$ March out of w^ch^ I understand y^t^ y^e^ delivery of our Comp^a^ ship (dispatched hence for Porto Novo and stopt by y^rs^) was ordered of which immediatly notice was given to M^r^ Nicks by me and do further reply y^t^ we (till present) find ourselves not comprehended in y^e^ clai against us of protecting w^th^ our colours y^e^ ships of y^r^ enemies as being very exact in y^e^ duely observing y^e^ amity of o^r^ royall Kings and ready to avoid all contrariety by w^ch^ may be broken such good correspondence as being maintained by o^r^ nations, true itt is Generall Child hath arrested att Bombay 2 ships with french Colours which were freighted by o^r^ Comp^a^ for Persia and Moka this very practice being alwayes trained up by every Europeish nation att Surratt therefore not encurring ourselves in any y^e^ least dissention as long as we direct nor indirectly did not favour your declared Enemies : Y^r^ Hon^r^ : ought to consider y^t^ in such matters as these many times errours may be committed even as y^t^ of Atcheen: where one of y^r^ ships intended to seize one of ours bought att Syam by his Excellency Ceberet Ambassador Extraordinary of our Royall King and Director-Generall of o^r^ Comp^a^ on whose acc^t^ she was laden although said by yours y^t^ she belonged to the King of Syam I'll assure y^r^ Hono^r^ she belonged not to him nor his subjects much less her Cargo Many times we mistake our selves in regard of bad information and herew^th^. I hope the good correspondence of our nations shall be duely maintain'd by us and pray God prosper y^r^ Hon^rs^ in the intrim I rest

Hono^ble^ : S^r^ : &c^a^.
Y^r^ humble serv^t^
Martin.

Translate of a Letter from Mahomed Sadeek Seerkeel from Wandewasse to the Hono^ble^ : Elihu Yale Esq^r^ Govern^r^ Presid^t^ No date.

I enjoy good health and should be glad to hear the like from your Hono^r^ Lately I wrott to y^r^ Hon^r^ (by advice from Court) to desire you to turn those people out of Maddrass that belonged to the Divan & since y^r^ Hono^r^ expects Allumgeers favour I question not but y^o^ have don itt already lately Conjaverone Taraffdars

Sangana Madananto & Anto came to desire me to lett their families remaine in Maddrass a few dayes therefore I desire y^r. Hon^r. to lett them remaine and take Care of them till such time I send for y^m. and I desire y^r: Hon^r: not to entertaine any other families whatsoever but turn them all out of y^r: town y^r Hon^r: being an understanding person I need not enlarge only desire y^r. friendship & comands.

Translate of a Letter from Sangana Madananto & Anto from Wandawash to y^e hon^ble: Elihu Yale Esq^r. President & Govern^r. dated March 27^th: 88.

We enjoy good health & should be glad to hear y^e like from y^r. Hon^r. lately by reason of the Marratta troubles severall people belonging to these parts have sheltred y^m. selves in y^r town & Mahomed Sadeek seeing y^t. Conjaverone was running to ruine (which was occasioned by y^e Inhabitants abscence) therefore wrott to y^r. hon^r. to turn them out of y^r. town w^ch. we hear y^r. hon^r. designes to do upon w^ch. news we went to Mahomed Sadeek desireing him to lett our families remain in y^r. town and have procured his letter to y^r. Hon^r. about itt w^ch y^r hon^r. will be further sattisfied of w^n. y^r. Hon^r. peruses his letter till o^r. return from Conjaverone we desire y^r. hon^r. to permitt o^r. families to remaine in Maddrass and take care of them w^ch. will very much obleige us.

Bombay Castle ffeb^ry 8^th 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

To y^e Hono^ble Elihu Yale President &c^a.
Councill for y^e R^t. Hono^ble. Comp^as Affairs
on y^e Coast of Cormandell bay of Bengalla &c^a.

Our last to y^o. was under y^e. Ultimo November w^ch we hope you may have rec^d. before this being sent you in Duplicate by y^e Bengall Merch^t. and over land by o^r. own servants since w^ch. we have rec^d. y^rs. of y^e. 29^th. of Septem^r: 13 & 17 October last to w^t. in y^m materiall we shall now give answer and further advise you w^t. needfull from these parts we shall have no occasion to be very large because of o^r. prementioned Generall.

We shall be very glad to know particularly how o^r. Condition is as to matter of stock for seldome a letter Comes from y^o. but you complain of being in debt and if y^o. could lett us have the true acco^t. of y^r. stock by March or Aprill next itt would be very acceptable.

We should be heartily glad to hear of your meeting with success att Tenasseree y^r ships in all appearance w^th. Gods blessing must needs be there long ever y^e french can and we heartily wish we may have possession of itt ere they arrive we think you did very well in contriving to perswade M^r. White & M^r. Burnaby to a fair Complyance and surrendry up Tenasseree to y^o but are so well acquainted w^th: English fugitives and Interlopers that nothing must be expected from them that is fair and handsome but they are forced to either by power Conveniency to themselves for we look upon such as false and naughty men to all and tis not unlikely but White & Burneby may adheer to y^o. that they may the better clear acco^ts. w^th. the King of Syam and gett out of his Clutches & we heartily wish they may give y^o. quiet & full possession of Tenasseree w^t. you may promise y^m. punctually comply w^th. all but if any wayes itt may be avoided we would not have you impose any trust in y^m. for they that will be false to one will be so to another besides they have lived loos and idle lives for many years y^t. no good can be expected from them.

Wee are heartily concerned affairs go no better in Bengall itt was a poor priz Cap^t. Andrews took belonging to the King of Syam you have omitted to insert the value of the Surratt ship Cap^t. ffenn sent you according to her owners acco^t. here i'ts s^d. she was well worth better then 50,000 R^s. we desire to know the fees of y^r. Court of admirality we have not putt into y^e Court here any of the Moors ships we have seized because we are uncertain on w^t. tearms we may Conclude w^th. the Mogull but the severall ships seized by us yett remains with the goods on board y^m sealed up and

watches kept y^{t} no imbezlem^{t} be made y^{e} King of Syams Ship and y^{e} streights Merch^{t} were both proceeded against in y^{e} Court of Admireality and there condemned for y^{e} use of his mate [*sic*] and the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp^{a} we cannot think the french men of warr are come out to serve the King of Syams Commons but if itt be so w^{ch} is a very unlikely thing we cannot see any great fear of y^{m} if our news be true they came so lately out of france y^{t} o^{r} China & s^{o} sea ships we may reasonably hope may arrive y^{o} & us before they arrive Syam & so escape any danger from y^{m} for this year but next year we must look out & consider [w^{t}] is best to be done.

We observe y^{r} sending away to the west Coast of Sumatra the Maddras and Success friggats and do acco^{t}: itt a very prudent consideration in you to secure as large a quantity of peper as possiable you Could for the ladeing and sending home as many ships as y^{o} well can we hope o^{r} friends in Bengalla will be so prudent as to lay hold of the present seeming peace to procure a large quantity raw silk and buy up w^{t} other commodities those parts aford that are most acceptable in England & we shall not question but y^{t} y^{o} are mindfull to press Agent Charnock &c^{a} to buy up and supply such goods as y^{o} well know will be most acceptable and benificial to the R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} itt is their pleasures and w^{t} we think may be for their Intrest for y^{o} to imploy one large ship or two small ones to Persia with sugar &c^{a} from Bengall as you did the George and if y^{o} could imploy one from Metchlepotam as you did the Syam Merch^{t} would be a good peice of service and now the Pyrates are abroad and it is so publickly knowne we hope y^{o} may be able to lett out some of y^{e} Comp^{a} ships on advantagious rates & do not question but y^{o} will endeavour to lett out such ships as y^{o} cannot lade home on some advantagous tearms for the R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} and certainly it's most best for their service to employ as many ships as we can in India if itt could be so done as y^{t} they might erne their demorage and put the R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} to no charge till such time as they may have vended a great quantity of goods w^{ch} they have still by y^{m} Pepper is att present a good commoditie in England as y^{o} will se by the R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a}: orders to y^{o} w^{ch}: we now send in y^{m} y^{o} will read of y^{e} safe arriveall in England in may last the Persia Merchant Chandois and Kempthorne Society and China Merc^{t}: for which god be thanked. Cæsar Child had with him some silk gloves w^{ch} the R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} were pleased to take notice of & directed to have a 1000 peices of y^{t} sort of silk sent them ordering they should be made as white and glossy as possiable it's a slight Bengalla silk we send y^{o} a peice enclosed and desire y^{o} will direct our friends in Bengalla a 1000 p^{ces} be provided of that sort of silk as white and glossy as may be & sent to y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: Sultan Eebarr [*sic*] is for certaine in y^{e} King of Persias Dominions & highly courted there.

We are heartily glad to read y^{o} have hopes of a plentifull year and heartily wish itt will succeed wth: plenty according to your expectations we are heartily sorry for the great unhappyness y^{t} has fallen on the famine wth you but to Gods pleasure we must submitt and heartily wish itt may be better we are indeed so wholly disfurnished of factors and writers that we are forced to make use of Soulders to assist in Coppying o^{r} letters acco^{t} books &c^{a} we wrott to y^{e} R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} by the success and desired them to send out 20 writers to y^{r} parts & 20 to us.

We observe w^{t} y^{o} write concerning M^{r} Dobsons being abused by the Danes y^{t} complain[t] came to us by M^{r} Michel formerly: y^{o} did very well in sending to y^{e} commissary att Trincombarr & desireing sattisfaction & truely itt will something ill become us to suffer from them or any other such indignities since we are invested wth such power and force as att pres^{t} we are and itt was a slender and Idle excuse y^{t} was made for their so unhandsomeness to a ship under English Colours and pass and Englishmen on board her but y^{t} we may not be wanting to ourselves to prevent the like for y^{e} future we think itt very good & fitt w^{t} y^{o} advise y^{t} we lodge att o^{r} severall factories blanck passes to be filled up by y^{e} Cheif & factors for their own ships & we desire y^{o} will observe y^{e} same wth y^{o} that such a slender and Idle excuse as the Danes make may be out of doors [futurely?] and we think you will not do amiss to stand on satisfaction for the Damages and great affront that was putt on M^{r} Dobson but we would not have y^{o} break with the Danes for that yett

keep itt in mind and lett y^m. know y^o. remember itt and y^t. it is not wholly forgott but it's likely itt may be seen fitt in time and oppertunity may present y^t we may lay hold of occasion to R^t. the hono^r. of o^r. King & Country in y^t. particular and lett them know we are not to be so served.

The orders y^o. sent us that came from y^e R^t. Hono^ble. Comp^a. by ship W^m.son we rec^d. and returne y^o. thankes for them esteeming y^r. prudence in sending them by sea conveyance as times now are w^t. the R^t. Hono^ble. Comp^a. directed to be done their orders by the ship Bengalla Merch^t. was perused by the Generall suitable to their pleasures and we hope y^o. will punctually comply with what they are pleased to direct w^ch. is y^r. reasonable duties & w^t. will make y^o. acceptable to God & all good men w^th. a due consideration of their Intrest for they are att so vast a distance & have putt such trust in their serv^ts. abroad y^t. itt will become all to act with prudence in advancing their Intrest and most certain in itt both you and we and all others serve the hono^r. and Intrest of o^r. King & Countryes y^e Generall is thankfull to you for your promising him a Cordiall wellcome as affairs are now he cannot think of stirring from hence and hopes he shall not be deceived in his opinion of President Yale &c^a. Councill whose appearance in India and parts he doth beleive to be such as will well manage the R^t. Hon^ble. Comp^a. affairs on y^r. side India this he does heartily recommend to y^o. y^t. you live loveingly w^th. one another and unanimously together drive on y^e publick Intrest and he further require a[ll] of w^t. quality soever to pay a due respect to y^e Hono^ble. President Yale and look on him [as] absolute as any President [*a word or two lost*] y^r. Coast and he not in y^e least inferiour to his Predecessor in power or authority because y^o. have a Generall for whoever on that score shall think little of y^e. President is under a gross mistake and will be very unacceptable to y^e Genera[ll] and most highly displease him and as he does expect this respect from all towards y^e President so he would have the Councill understand y^t. they are to act in their severall stations and have respect suitable to their qualities and no Generall letters nor consultations they signe but they must be sattisfied therein and where they make no acceptions att their signing no after little excuse will be admitted of y^e. Generall cannot say he will be w^th. y^o. this year he is now goeing up to Surrats rivers mouth being invited thither by a new Governour lately come to Surratt by name Muckteau Cawn related to y^e blood Royall he has promised very largely and att present hath submitted to lett severall of o^r. goods be landed and disposed of there takeing no more then 2 ℔ Cent Costome & useing o^r. friends w^th. great respect and kindness so that the Generall for many reasons is resolved to see w^t. may be done for an hono^ble. and advantagious peace but doth not designe to part w^th. any thing that we have seized till we are throughly satisfied itt may be for the hon^r. and Intrest of o^r. King and Country and for y^e present & future creditt of o^r. King & Country & for y^e present & future benefitt of y^e R^t. Hono^ble. Comp^a.

Since o^r. last we have seized a ship called y^e Rupparell belonging to Surratt that came from Syam and we have advises from Cap^t. John Shaxton Supervisor of the Coast of India and Coast of Mallabarr y^t. he has seized att Mangelore a great ship about 600 tunns called the Nezanna w^ch. is acceptable news to us and hope she may be with us in few dayes or if itt should fall out so that they cannot gett her over the barr of Mangelore river yett we shall have all her Cargo on severall ships that they have laded her goods on in hopes to gett her over the unhappy barr there is not above 12 foot water on a spring she was a rich ship and her goods will be very acceptable to us if itt should so fall out that we cannot gett her we desire y^o. will be mindfull to advance the revenues of Maddrass what in y^o. lyes which will indeed be much for y^r. reputations and why we should not be as wise as the Dutch in encreasing the revenues & not makeing places only bear y^e charge but be profittable we cannot tell especially now we are invested with as much power as may be for oppression and Tyrany we hate and abhor itt but till we can come to be as wise as y^e Dutch in makeing y^e severall fortifications bear their charge and become somew^t. comfortable to y^e R^t. Hono^ble. Comp^a. we must never expect to be acco^ted. wise in the world nor ever have y^e least hopes to have o^r nation glorious and powerfull abroad and this the Generall knows that the President will agree too whose parts and experience has fitted him for that great charge he hath and heartily wishes he may have good success and discharg all things well to hono^r. & eternall praise.

We wish for fresh news from Bengalla y$^{t.}$ you sent us was w$^{t.}$ we had rec$^{d.}$ some time before from Agent Charnock &c$^{a.}$ we are sorry for the loss of so many men in y^{e} Bay and y$^{t.}$ affairs go no better there.

We are heartily sorry for y^{e} great and unusuall storm that hath happened w$^{th.}$ you itt was an unhappy accedent y^{t} befell the Loyall Adventure and certai[nely] in great measure proceeded from y^{e} Idleness and willfullness of those that Commanded on board her for since the storm was 3 dayes and increased dayly they might have considered & provided aga$^{st.}$ that as y^{e} little Caesar Loyall Cap$^{t.}$ and Moors ships did as for the saltpetre and Lead y^{t} we never expect y^{o} will hear off but for y^{e} 115 bales of Cloth that was on board her it's very strange if you meet not with some part of them it was a very unhappy as well as a very unkind loss to y^{e} R$^{t.}$ Hono$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{a.}$ God send they meet w$^{th.}$ no more such we think you did very well on y^{e} disapointment of y^{e} Adventure to resolve to send y^{e} Royall James for England we hope y$^{o.}$ putt those thoughts in execution and you have sent her well laden for England long before this heartily wishing Presd$^{t.}$ Gyfford a safe arrivall att England on her & those severall Gent. y$^{t.}$ take their passage on her.

We heartily rejoyce for y^{e} Resolutions safe arrivall w$^{th.}$ you the stock you rec$^{d.}$ by her is very considerable which we are very glad to read we cannot but highly commend y$^{r.}$ diligence and resolution, in sending her away for the Bay w$^{th.}$ so large a stock in order to be supplyed w$^{th.}$ such goods from y$^{t.}$ place as are very much wanting to y^{e} R$^{t.}$ Hono$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{a.}$ we hope she may gett safe down into y^{e} Bay y$^{t.}$ those goods may be provided and sent the R$^{t.}$ Hono$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{a.}$ w$^{ch.}$ will be a very acceptable peice of service y^{e} raw silk we find y$^{m.}$ very desirous of and stick lack is a commodity in England 'tis Cheaper wth : y$^{o.}$ then us w$^{ch.}$ at present is in request in England therefore if you direct 40 or 50 tonns of that commodity to be provided it will cost but little mony serve to fill up and turne to advantage in England we are sorry for the mortallity of men on board the Resolution and for y^{e} illness of those that came a shoar we hope the land and green trade soon recovered them we did according to y$^{r.}$ advises send Coppyes of all y$^{r.}$ advises to y^{e} R^{t} Hono$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{a.}$ by ship success rec$^{d.}$ from y$^{o.}$ by little Cæsar y^{e} success had her dispatches y^{e} 10$^{th.}$ past y^{e} Danes had an unhappy misfortune according to y$^{r.}$ advises we have a small vessel wanting w$^{ch.}$ came from Monelaes she was att Callicut in May last in a very good Condition, sailed thence for this port and from that day to this no news of her only her 2 boats w$^{th.}$ a Chest of Cloaths Came a shoar on y^{e} Malabarr Coast we cannot think the Danes so wicked or any Christan as to destroy all y^{e} men on board her and it is even to admiration that her boats should come a shoar and not one of her men saved if she was lost in a storm or sprung a leak and sunck we desire y$^{o.}$ will make enquiry att Trincombarr if any such ship has been taken by the Danes y^{e} Generall &c$^{a.}$ loss on her hath been very Considerable she was a very rich ship.

We hope y$^{r.}$ expectations are answered in y$^{r.}$ friend Mahobatt Cawn & do heartily wish the Mogull may give y$^{o.}$ no disturbance you do well to provide for the worst y^{e} best will help herself be y^{e} letters dated June last we understand y^{t} the Royall James and Mary a new Ship Cap$^{t.}$ Cook is comeing hither Commander of her & y^{e} Society Cap$^{t.}$ Gæejar but cannot expect them till the latter end of May or June for they were not come out till August or November [last] there was a small ship dispatch'd from England in March last called the Jonas but to this day we have no news of her and indeed we are in so little want of shipping y^{t} we could wish these 2 great ships we expect were not comeing to us y^{e} prudent Mary is near full & may sail away for England w$^{th.}$ in these 2 dayes Charles the 2^{d} & Josiah Yatch are att Surratt rivers mouth y^{e} Cæsar y^{e} Generall intends to imbarque on for Surrats rivers mouth y^{e} Ruby and Emrauld ffrigatts both here one of them is to lye a guard ship to y^{e} Port & o$^{r.}$ severall prizes and the other we think may sail away for Persia w$^{th.}$ the Persian Embassadour y$^{t.}$ came from Syam in y^{e} ship Rupparell y$^{t.}$ we have lately took y^{e} Modena we dayly look for she is not arrived yett from Busserah to o^{r} great admiration but we have news that she is well & may dayly expect her we do not expect any great success y$^{t.}$ way as to o$^{r.}$ warring bussiness but do hear she has a large parcell of grain on board her & other provisions which will be very acceptable to us for although we have had very plentifull &

great raines here this year yett from the mortality of y^e^ poor people for want of food and y^e^ want of y^m^ & seed to manure & sow the ground in all appearance we shall have great scarcity this ensueing year corn begins to rise already but we thank god we are pretty well provided and have taken all care for further supplyes y^t^ w^th^ gods blessing we may not want y^e^ Tonqueen & Hunter ffriggats are down the Coast w^th^ Cap^t^ Simpson y^e^ Bengall Merch^t^ we have orderd him to dispatch to you laden w^th^ rice ye London & Worcester ffriggats we hope may be with us next month w^th^ some of y^e^ King of Syams Japan & China Juncks we do not care for the Vessels but hope they will come full of their goods w^ch^ we shall think honest & lawfull gaines and are fully resolved we will not have peace w^th^ the King of Syam till we have had full satisfaction.

The R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ are pleased to direct in their late orders rec^d^ by over land conveyance since o^r^ last to y^o^ y^t^ all ships that sail w^th^ English Colours and under their protection & priviledge to trade to India should take passes and for these passes besides the Secretaries fees pay to them for all such passes half a dollar or one Rupee ℔ tonn every time these passes are renewed w^ch^ they expect should be every voyage coppy their s^d^ order is now sent on this we had a consultation and on itt answered as ℔ coppy a clause in o^r^ address to them sent by the Success y^t^ we now send you and we have given passes and taken one Rupee ℔ tonn for every ship y^t^ we gave them into w^ch^ is putt into their cash so y^t^ now y^t^ dispute between us on y^t^ affairs is over and we are possitive y^t^ you act in this as we have being suteable to y^e^ clause mentioned y^t^ we now send and we will admitt of no excuse for this but where tis found y^t^ ti's not rec^d^ shall charge itt to y^r^ acco^ts^ and see most certainly y^t^ you pay itt and lett orders be given to all ships y^t^ may be mett with all under English Colours w^th^ out a pass be seized & brought to y^e^ Court of admirality and [th]ere proceeded against as contemners of his Majesties Royall Charters & Proclamations they have further been pleased to order y^t^ all ships that wears their passes be consigned to y^e^ Cheif of such place or places as they goe to and this was occasioned by the complaint of o^r^ Bengall friends the order is very good & highly fitt and w^t^ we will have all pay a due respect to the Cheif is to have one ℔ Cent for favouring and countenancing such ships and that we may not be misunderstood in this we send you now a Coppy of y^e^ R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ own orders and desire that you are very positive and punctuall in seeing this complyed with all by all they have been pleased likewise to write about takeing of the Natives ships for usuall passes as much as the Portugeuz use to take we have made an entrance on itt haveing taken of severall small vessels from 50 to 80 Candy belonging to y^e^ Malabarrs &c^a^ 100 Rupees for a pass besides the secretaries fees and do designe to try if can well reach itt y^e^ makeing all the Natives ships & vessels subjects to the Mogull &c^a^ to allow for their passes somew^t^ to the R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ w^ch^ we note here to you y^t^ you may try w^t^ you can do in this on y^r^ side of India and we fancy we may reach o^r^ designe w^ch^ will not only bring us and o^r^ passes in great esteem but be somew^t^ yearly towards the R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ great charges.

The R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ its probable may have ordered you as they have us to give commissions to private ships aga^st^ any prince y^t^ we may or have made warr w^th^ in these Easterne parts Coppy their order to us concerning itt now send [to] you and Coppy of o^r^ answer thereto and [We] desire you will take notice of both and act therein as may seem most for their advantage for we cannot be possitive in directing you in this affair, but so farr as we can see itt will be best for the R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ intrest to forbear giveing any such commission for the present and when you do they may be very well allowed ⅓ part of w^t^ may be taken first deducting 10 ℔ Cent for the Admirall of England w^ch^ we would have kept in their Cash ⅓ for themselves we do not question att all but y^o^ are carefull to receive 5 ℔ Cent Costome att ffort S^t^ George suitable to the R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ orders and likewise to receive from all ships & vessels whither [*sic*] free ships or freighted by the R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ pay for port Charges and anchorage a barrell of Powder & 1 Dollar w^ch^ order y^o^ have had from the R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ some time since and is w^t^ we receive here.

We had wrott thus farr in these w^n^· y^e^· Prudent Mary being near full was forced to lay them aside y^t^· we might dispatch her out of hand she sayled away yesterday a full ship God in mercy send her safe to England.

We think worth while to advise y^o^ how we act here w^th^ our ships att their comeing to us and goeing from us we must[er] their men and when we send them on any expedition we keep an acco^t^· w^t^· men we spare them and where occasion requires to man y^m^ above w^t^· they are obleiged to in Charter party we allow so many men as is over their complem^t^· their diet att 3^d^· ℔ diem for Topasses and 6^d^· for Englishmen and where they want of their complem^t^· they allow us for the wages and diet of so many men put on board y^m^· as will make up their full complem^t^ according to Charterparty and where we find they have not their Complement of men we supply out of Garrisons so many men as make up their Complem^t^· for which they allow [*a word lost*] wages for y^m^· and find them diett themselves which we think is very just and equattable between the R^t^· Hono^ble^· Comp^a^· and owners and the ship in a much safer condition then otherwise they would be for we are senceiable and well know y^t^· if itt be not looked into the Commanders whilst in India will [fare] as cheap as they can itt being for their owners advantage which is commendable in them and w^t^· we should wink att were itt not for the present times which requires us to be carefull to see that y^e^ ships do not goe weakly manned and where Englishmen are not to be spared it's better to have black sailers y^n^· want men we would not have y^o^· misunderstand us in this we furnish these men whilst they are in the Country and not for them to carry for England if necessity requires their haveing some English men w^n^· they go home they must allow to y^e^ R^t^· Hono^ble^· Comp^a^· for such men 12^£^ ℔ head suitable to their orders.

We cannot think of any more now y^o^· may depend on hearing from the Generall w^n^· it pleases God to arrive him att Surrat rivers mouth and that as soon as ever he can be able to give y^o^· any acco^t^· how affairs go there we are some what inclinable to peace out of Respect to y^e^ safty of ffort S^t^· George and because of the great unhappyness of the Bay : but itt grates w^th^· us very much to think of parting w^th^· w^t^· we have taken and so farr as we see as yett must expect no peace w^th^· out we do had we a line or two from y^o^· that y^o^ were in safty or that the Golcondah people had made head ag^st^· the Mogulls forces we should stand on very high tearms and not submitt to have less then full satisfaction for all damages looses charges oppressions &c^a^· but of 2 evils we must endeavour to chuse the least and hope God will direct us for the best but on this as yett we unanimously agree on an Hono^ble^· and advantagious peace or none it is y^r^· safty that makes us most concern'd [*a word lost*] could we but be sure you might live undisturbed by y^e^ Mogull it's not all y^e^ Little durty [contrivances] of the french Dutch Portuguize &c^a^· could make us at all uneasy and for Bengalla the Generall would be free to try w^t^· he could do there it [is not] our desires [to] be att warr nor to rong any neither do we think itt will become us too meanly to submitt o^r^· selves to be wronged by any to the dishonour of o^r^· King and Country & prejudice of o^r^· R^t^· Hono^ble^· Masters.

God keep y^o^· all we heartily wish y^o^ well w^ch^ concludes these from

Y^r^· very affect^a^·
ffriends and Serv^ts^·
Jn^o^· Child.
Jn^o^· Wyborne.

J. Vauxe.

P.S.

M^r^· John Bird Chirurgeon an antient serv^t^· of y^e^· R^t^· Hon^ble^· Comp^a^· understanding of o^r^· sending away to y^o^· made his application to us concerning R^s^· 2300 y^t^· M^r^· John Beard late Agent of Bengalla took up of him on y^e^ R^t^· Hono^ble^· Comp^as^· acco^t^· as appears by s^d^· Agents Bill & a Generall letter signed by Agent Charnock &c^a^· Coppies of both we now send y^o^· we desire y^o^· will justice [*sic*] between the R^t^·

Hono$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{a.}$ & M$^{r.}$ Bird & w$^{t.}$ may appear due to him w$^{th.}$ principell & Int: we desire 'itt may be made good to y^{e} Hono$^{ble.}$ Presid$^{t.}$ Yale & y$^{t.}$ out of hand as soon as may be y$^{t.}$ M$^{r.}$ Bird may have his mony as soon as possiable & how itt should be disposed of y^{e} Generall hath wrott y^{e} President Concerning itt.

Idem.

Rowdowne Aug$^{st.}$ 14 1687.

R$^{t.}$ Worsp$^{ll.}$ S$^{r.}$ & S$^{rs.}$

We have w$^{th.}$ long expectation waited in hopes of a ship from y^{o} this Moonsoon haveing had y^{e} amo$^{t.}$ of y^{e} Georges ready some considerable time by us therefore wish y$^{o.}$ would be pleased to find some way or means to draw itt from being necessitated att an extraordinary great charge att Gombroon for its security y^{e} Dutch y^{e} 22^{d} of May made sale of the following goods Sugar 10,000^{bales} at Shahees 3 : 6¼ goz Pepper 40,000^{Mds} att Shahees 10 ℔ m^{d} Tynn 150^{barr} att Shahees 17 : 5 goz ℔ m^{d} and this is a[ll t]hey have sold as yett but this hath made the price fall of those sorts tho: little of sugar y$^{t.}$ is fresh and good in its kind for they had theirs upwards of 3 years in y^{e} warehouse w$^{ch.}$ the heats here had made unfitting to candy these wth: y^{e} tender of o$^{r.}$ hearty service subscribe

R$^{t.}$ Worsp^{ll}: &c^{a}
Y$^{r.}$ Wors$^{ll.}$ humble Serv$^{ts.}$
C. Ward.
Geo: Cook.
Francis Snape.

P.S.

Agend Ward is 3 dayes Journey from Bunder & intends down w$^{n.}$ y^{e} heats are over be pleased to send us a Coppy of y^{e} Georges invoice y^{e} originall being mislayd.

Conimeer March 31st 1688.

To y^{e} Hono$^{ble.}$ Elihu Yale Esq$^{r.}$
Presid$^{t.}$ & Govern$^{r.}$ &c$^{a.}$ Councill
of ffort S$^{t.}$ George

Hono$^{ble.}$ S$^{r.}$ &c$^{a.}$

Our last of y^{e} 20$^{th.}$ instant acquainted y$^{o.}$ w$^{th.}$ y$^{e.}$ then present needfull since w$^{ch.}$ we have advice y$^{t.}$ y^{e} french att Pullicherry wont take itt as they have done they are very noisy & intend notable matters some people we keep there advise us y$^{t.}$ Mounseir one day in Councill falling into a great rage y^{e} poor table as we hear suffer'd for itt for he sufficiently banged itt with his hands & shall we saies he so ffarr suffer y^{e} English to abuse us as to take our ships no 'tis not to be endured we must take satisfaction Mons$^{r.}$ Delandes pacified the then angry fitt desired him to be patient & so y^{e} table for that time was released about 3 dayes ago a great ship appeared of att sea Moun$^{s.}$ haveing fitted up a couple of sloops sends them of after her but she proving to be a french ship come from Atcheen laden w$^{th.}$ gange and a considerable quntity of Gold & silver upon her she was conducted into their own road w$^{n.}$ presently after y^{e} Directore & his Councill [*a word lost*] on board in the morning a great many [guns] were fired where he remained till four in the afternoon and the ship came a shoar and the next morning y^{e} [*a word or two lost*] were sent to ly off att sea where one of [them has] been cruising about allmost as high as this ffactory possibly they expect more ships and so send [out] the prementioned for their convoy God knows how itt is but reports tells they will be revenged for the affront done to y^{m} in our seizeing Seild Marreates y^{e} Chuliars ships and this we have to day from one of o$^{r.}$ Merch$^{t.}$ y$^{t.}$ came from Pullicherry we have wrott today to Cuddaloor to give the Rochester notice of itt something certainly lyes att y$^{e.}$ bottom of Mouns^{r} heart for some time since two french men y$^{t.}$ came w$^{th.}$ y^{e} rest of the Souldiars y$^{o.}$ were pleased to send hither privately in the night ran away to Pullicherry we wrott in a civill manner to y$^{e.}$ Director about itt but instead of courtesey he sends a very suerrilous [*sic*]

answer & unhandsomely taxes the English w^th^· rudeness and incivility y^e^ Originall lr^e^: of itself for y^r^· better satisfaction we now remitt y^o^· leaving both itt and the above writen to your better considerations.

Harje Raja Kisway Pontulu and all the Marratta forces are all drawn out into y^e^ feild, the Golcondah forces are likewise encamped y^e^ 2 armies are w^th^· in a Jentue league one of another so y^t^· we expect every day will produce some great matters as we have notice off itt so we shall advice y^o^· accordingly.

We humbly begg y^o^ will please to be mindfull of us and send us some mony for the factory expence for we have not one cash in y^e^ factory y^e^ month is now att an end and o^r^· souliers [*sic*] We fear will be mutinous w^th^· out their pay this we humbly refer to y^o^· so remaine

Hono^ble^· S^r^· &c^a^·

Y^r^· most humble Serv^ts^·

JOHN WILLCOX.

JOHN DEVET.

M^R^· WILLCOX.

The two french soulders whereof wrott me y^e^ date 28^th^ instant retired themselves to Pullicherry under the fflagg of y^e^· King their and my L^d^: and did desire our protection w^ch^· according to all reason we granted y^m^ upon the orders we have to entertaine all such ffrench men as retireing y^m^ for the service of forreigners come to us I know the Cheif of Y^rs^ here in India are also provided w^th^· such like orders by the most serene King of great Brittaine concerning the English and therefore if any of y^m^· out of o^r^· service should forward themselves under y^r^· protection cannot reasonably be reclaimed by us in w^ch^· regard, we will carry ourselves more courteous y^n^ y^rs^· do att Bengall where by force they took an English pilott admitted in o^r^· service on board of one of o^r^· ships. God prosper y^o^.

Y^r^· friend

MARTIN.

Hono^bie^· S^r^· &c·

Yo^r^· hon^rs^· &c^a^· of y^e^· 20^th^ we rec^d^· y^e^ 24^th^· Instant but before itt came to hand Cap^t^· Browell [*sic*] had dispatched y^e^ ship for y^e^ ffort y^o^· were pleased to order to be redelivered likewise att y^e^ same time we rec^d^· a Lettre from Pullicherry thereabout w^ch^· was answered to y^e^ same effect y^e^ 27^th^· y^e^ blackeagle from Atcheen passed by for Pullicherry shewing no colours we made w^t^· signes we could to Cap^t^· Bromwell w^th^· o^r^· flagg but he kept his station w^ch^· is so farr of to sea y^t^· a ship may pass in y^e^ evening between the shoar and him and never be discerned y^e^ french now have 2 ships well armed rideing out a due distance one from another in [o^r^] sight [*a word lost*] whither to guard y^e^ Syammer in their road or to intercept any shipping belonging to us cannot yett tell.

We are glad of the promise to be supplyed w^th^· bees wax w^ch^· we hope may find conveyance speedily to releive o^r^· necessity.

We have rec^d^· y^e^ Pag^as^· 1000 to be invested in grain &c^a^· and upon enquiry into the prizes here and Porto Novo find itt to be cheaper att y^e^ latter place whither we immediately dispatched M^r^· Sam: Synock about the bussiness· w^ch^· he must carry on w^th^· as little noise as may be least they raise y^e^ prizes upon us from whom we have rec^d^: advice y^t^· paddy is 36 Marcall ℔ pag^o^· and oyl 12 measures w^ch^· tho: dear yet we ordered him to proceed y^t^: we might have some in readyness ag^st^· y^e^· Rochesters arrivall whom we shall order to proceed thither as soon as we have Shipt of o^r^· goods here w^ch^· cannot be done till he comes into y^e^ road.

We called M^r^· George Paulin to acco^t^· for his debt to M^r^· Ord w^ch^· he s^d^· he would willingly clear but could not for severall reasons as in a paper here inclosed under his own hand to w^ch^· please to be refered.

The Wheat by ship Triblecane we have rec$^{d.}$ w$^{ch.}$ we find to be in the same condition w$^{th.}$ theirs att Conimeer itt being much [deficient ?] in weight and mixt w$^{th.}$ course rice w$^{ch.}$ we must leave to y$^{r.}$ Hono$^{r.}$ &c$^{a.}$ to examine and ractifie.

We have dispatched Ibram Cawns Conacopalle w$^{th.}$ a letter to his master and a present of a peice of silver flowered silk we shall observe y$^{r.}$ order to keep a fair correspondance with him y$^{t.}$ if their [*sic*] should happen an alteration of governm$^{t.}$ we may have one to befriend y$^{e.}$ R^{t} Hono$^{ble.}$ Comp$^{a.}$ in these parts.

The Gennerall books are not yett finished y^{e} errours therein are so numerious w$^{ch.}$ has been the occasion of this long detention but most of y^{m} are now rectified and shall be sent as soon as can gett y^{m} transcribed for w$^{ch.}$ we shall want some large paper the former store being spent in other uses this being y^{e} needfull att present we crave leave to subscribe.

Hono$^{ble.}$ S$^{r.}$ &c$^{a.}$

Y$^{r.}$ most humble & obed$^{t.}$ Serv$^{t[s].}$

JOHN NICKS.

W$^{M.}$ HALL.

RALPH INGRAM.

ROB$^{T.}$ CRA[*a few letters lost*]

From on board ship Rochester
March 31$^{st.}$ 1688.

Most Hono$^{ble.}$ S$^{r.}$

This noon o$^{r.}$ boat comeing from y^{e} shoar w$^{ch.}$ could not in 6 dayes before brought news y^{t} the Eagle has past between the shoar and us itt being just as y^{e} sun was goeing down on tuesday y^{e} 27th last as y^{t} we could but just see her & was ready to weigh & stand in but seeing o$^{r.}$ flagg ashoar at y^{e} same time spread, I did admitt heaving & did suppose her to be an English ship it being so ordered y$^{t.}$ in case any English ship should come a long shoar y^{n} they were to hoist op [*sic*] y^{e} flagg & by y^{e} signe we were not to weigh to come in but as I am informed they made a wift soon after but being dark we could not see y^{e} wift nor shoar nor ship to all o$^{r.}$ great sorrow and haveing rid according to orders o$^{r.}$ time weighed this evening & came into the Road to take in w$^{t.}$ shall be laden on board on y^{e} Hono^{ble} : Comp$^{a.}$ w$^{ch.}$ is all needfull att pres^{t} from

S^{r} :

Y^{r} : faithfull serv^{t} to com̃and

JOHN BROMWELL.

Translate of a clause in Mons$^{r.}$ Martins l$^{re.}$ to the french Padres here Resident.

I know not of whom y^{e} Presid$^{t.}$ could have a list of y^{e} goods y$^{t.}$ were pretended to be on y^{e} black Eagle belonging to the King of Syam but I assure y$^{o.}$ on y^{e} faith of an honest man y$^{t.}$ that King nor[no] oy$^{r.}$ [*sic*] of his subjects had the value of a penny intrest either in the stock or block of y^{e} s$^{d.}$ ship I shall alwaies do w$^{t.}$ lyes in my power to prevent all occasions y$^{t.}$ may contribute to y^{e} breaking of y^{e} good intelligence y$^{t.}$ we wish & desire to entertaine wth these Gen$^{t.}$ y^{e} ship black Eagle was loaden att Syam w$^{th.}$ rice w$^{ch.}$ [*a word lost*] y$^{e.}$ Cheif and greatest part of her cargo w$^{ch.}$ was sould att Atcheen there is also some tinn & small quntity of tutenage some Camphire China root & some chests of Rub[arb] & also some peper y^{e} Camphire China root & Rubarb were designed for france but the ships y$^{t.}$ sailed from y$^{e.}$ river of Syam were so fully laden y$^{t.}$ they Could not take y^{m} in we shall keep some of y$^{m.}$ for the first conveyance home I use no shift in this affair but tell y$^{o.}$ y$^{e.}$ reall truth as itt is and if y^{e} gover$^{r.}$ will do us justice he will assuredly be sattisfied we do nothing

amiss I repeat this once more y^t^ all these goods were bought for o^r^· Comp^a^ acco^ts^· & y^t^ there was neither stranger nor any particular ℔son had any intrest in y^m^ I intreat y^o^· fitt occasions to lett y^e^ Gover^r^· & these Gen^t^· understand y^t^· we will contribute all we can to maintaine y^t^· good corresondence [*sic*] we should mutually practice & it will be a pleasure & sattisfaction to us to rendre y^m^· y^e^ best of o^r^· service on all occasions.

M^r^· Gray sworne in Court y^t^ y^s^· was a true translate.

T.B.

Translated according to y^e^ Genuine sence & meaning of y^e^ originall as it was dd to me.

J. GRAY

To Y^E^ HONO^BLE^ ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^·
GOVER^R^· OF FFORT S^T^· GEORGE &C^A^· COUNCILL.

Bagnagar March $\frac{25}{15}$ 1688.

We rec^d^· y^rs^· of y^e^ 7^th^· past in w^ch^· being complained ag^st^· reason y^t^· we did not deliver y^e^ 10000 Pa to y^r^· good & hon^d^· Vakeel Coje Abnuse w^ch^· y^n^· effected since yesterday altho itt should have been acomplished at o^r^· arriveall hither had y^o^· not countermanded or recalled y^r^· first order by 2 peons w^ch^· brought y^r^· letters to us in English & french in w^ch^ ordered expersly if we find Mahomed Ebrahim discharged of his governm^t^· or otherwise y^r^ Vakeel in any controversie y^n^· to keep the mony in o^r^ custody as we did accordingly & if y^o^· had rêveiwed itt coppy should not have wrott now in such manner as y^o^· did even as if we make use of y^r^· mony w^ch^· served us but to o^r^· much hindrance & nothing else y^o^· also disdain o^r^· [writing] to be bad English truely y^r^· french and dutch is not to be admired but we assure o^r^: selves of being so effectuall and selous for y^e^ encrease of the Comp^a^· as y^o^ do not exalt us therein & pray god for their prosperity & y^r^· safety by

Y^r^· servants

D. CHARDIN.

SALVADOR RODRIGUZE.

P.S.

Coje Abnuse desired y^e^· receiveing of y^r^· Pag^as^· being new & lesser 2 P^os^· y^n^ y^e^· old therefore were forced to give him of o^r^· for to gett o^r^· selves out of this Negotiation.

Translate of a Letter from Coje Abnuse from Golcondah to y^e^ Hono^ble^ Elihu Yale Esq^r^· Presid^t^· &c^a^· Councill Dated March y^e^ 11^th^ : 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

I enjoy good health & should be glad to hear y^e^ like from y^r^· hon^r^· y^e^ Lr^e^· y^o^· sent me I rec^d^· & heartily rejoyce at y^e^ contents y^o^· wrott therein y^t^· because Mahomed Ebrahim was gone from hence & I was sick therefore M^r^· Chardin did not deliver y^e^ mony tho Mahomed Ebrahim be gone I can secure 100 as good freinds as him w^n^ I rec^d^· y^r^· hon^rs^· Lr^e^· I was recovered of my sickness I sent often to M^r^· Chardin for y^e^ money & acquainted him y^t^ unless he dd me y^e^· mony y^e^ English bussiness would be spoiled to w^ch^· he answered w^t^· was that to him lett itt be spoiled after Allumgeer was sett out from Golcondah: Assada Cawn bid me come along w^th^ him to y^e^ camp 2 dayes journey but not haveing money I could not goe along w^th^· him but it vexed me very much y^t^· I should take so much trouble in this bussiness & could proceed no farther in itt for want of mony y^e^· Lr^e^· y^o^· sent to me last y^t^· was for M^r^· Chardin I sent w^th^· peons w^ch^· w^n^· he had rec^d^· and perused he came to me & told me y^t^· now I might have y^e^· mony w^n^· I would upon my

recep^{t}· I really beleive y^{t}· M^{r}· Chardin made use of y^{e}· mony y^{r}· hon^{r}· sent for w^{n}· I rec^{d}· itt from him I found severall old Pollicatt Pag^{o}· and severall other sorts mixed together so I [desired] him to give all Madrass Pag^{o}: to w^{ch}· he an[swere]d me he would send for a Shroff [to] deliver me all Madrass Pago^{s}·

Y^{r}· hono^{r}: ordered me to receive this mony & for something more or less gett a Phirmaund from Allumgeer y^{t}· o^{r}· bussiness may goe on in his dominion wth: out any further complaints hereafter y^{r}· hono^{r}· may please to bring itt into y^{r}· serious consideration y^{t}· Allumgeer is now at Collabaraga & from thence he designes for Vizapoor I designe to leave the mony in Mahomeds warehouse & go in person to y^{e} Camp & if I have occasions I will have bills of Exchange for y^{r}· mony otherwise itt will remaine safe in Golcondah w^{ch}· I will acquaint y^{r}· hono^{r}: off y^{r}: hono^{r}· wrott once y^{t}· if I could obtaine a Phirmaund for less y^{n}· 10,000 Pag^{ns}· itt would be a very acceptable peice of service I wish wth· all my heart y^{t}· itt might be procured wth·out any expence I should then do an acceptable peice of service to y^{e} R^{t}· Hono^{ble}· Comp^{a}· y^{r}· hon^{r}· wrot me y^{t}· you hoped y^{t}· I had got a secure Phirmaund already how does y^{r}· hono^{r}· think I could procure a Phirmaund wth·out mony y^{r}· hono^{r}· is a very understanding man and knows y^{t}· in this Darrbarr there is nothing to be done wth·out expence.

Y^{r}· hono^{r}· wrott me y^{t}· y^{o}· wondred y^{t}· y^{e}· Nabob should fall from his word he's a very great man & if he will not keep his word how can I help itt, y^{r}· hon^{r}: ordered me y^{t}· unless I could procure all the priviledges mentioned in y^{r}· list y^{t}· I should not spend any mony if I can gett y^{r}· hono^{r}· bussiness done according to y^{r}· desire I shall y^{n}· spend mony otherwise I shall not part wth· a cash as y^{r}· hono^{r}· orders I have sent a list of some priviledges y^{t}· they will grant to y^{r}· hon^{r}· & some y^{t}: they accept agas^{t}· w^{ch}· y^{r}· hono^{r}· may pleas to bring into y^{r}· serious consideration.

Y^{r}· peons that came from Surrat told me y^{t}· y^{e}· Generall was goeing from Bombay to Surrat to make up the bussiness there I therefore desire y^{r}· hono^{r}· to send me a perticular acco^{t}· how affairs stand there in y^{r}· hono^{rs}· former letters you wrott me y^{t}· I should make up the bussiness tho they would not comply wth every particular of y^{r}· desires y^{t} I should not be att the expence of one Cash or proceed any further about itt y^{r}· hono^{r}· giveing such orders w^{ch}· way can I proceed.

Y^{r}· hono^{r}· wrott me y^{t} y^{r}· people had blocked up the port of Surrat [& ta]ken there ships w^{ch}· is very true and I hear y^{t}· some Merch^{ts} were comeing to make their complaint to Allumgeer but some of the Sevagees people robbed them in the way among whom there was an eminent Merch^{t}· one Meer Negam y^{t}: Savagees people have carryed into their Country y^{r}· hono^{r}· wrott me that you wondred why the Mogulls forces did not come down ags^{t}· Sevagees forces in y^{r}· parts Allumgeer has sent great forces & treasure from Calburga to y^{e} Carnatta country ags^{t}· Sevagee and by the grace of god in a few dayes they will arrive Etbar Cawn & Assada Cawn are in the Camp so y^{t} those letters y^{r} hono^{r}· wrott to y^{m}· remaine in my hands as also y^{t}· you wrott to Rohalla Cawn who tho he is in Golcondah yett I have waited severall oppertunities but could not deliver itt him, when I go to y^{e} Camp I shall deliver their letters to them o^{r}· bussiness lyes on Assada Cawn[s] Management w^{n}· Allumgeer was in Golcondah some of o^{r}· bussiness lay under Rohalla Cawns managm^{t}·

When the Portuguez Padry was here he spent a great deal of mony for Darrbarr charges & gave Rohalla Cawn considerably w^{n}· y^{e} Mogull departed from Golcondah. Rohalla Cawn told y^{e} Padry y^{t} he had spoke in his behalf & bid him attend the Camp w^{t} mony he brought he spent & was forced to borrow mony to supply his occasions w^{n}· he went to follow the Camp & none of his bussiness is yett done. Mons^{r}· Guetty has also followed the Camp but cannot gett his bussiness yett finished y^{r} hon^{r}· enemies have wrott a great deal ags^{t}· me as I am informed I had none of y^{r} hono^{rs}· mony in my hand[s] y^{n}· itt lay in M^{r}· Chardins hands & I never made use of itt to do my own bussiness y^{r}· hono^{r}· knows I have not any particular bussiness to do here of my own M^{r}· Chardin was very glad all y^{e} time he had y^{r}· mony in his hands but w^{n}· he dd itt me he was very sorry. Y^{r}· hono^{r}· knows y^{r}· own enemy God knows w^{t}· he may write more ags^{t}· me to y^{r}· hono^{r}·

I have agreed wth the Darbarr people y^{t} if I gett a Phirmaund & Cowl according to y^{r} hono^{rs} desires y^{t} y^{n} I must give them Pishcashes according to my promise otherwise I am to give them nothing I expect nothing but that my good service may appear before y^{r} hono^{rble} Comp^{a} and y^{r} hono^{r} I have no further end in itt: I beleive y^{r} hono^{r} did not know of y^{e} Mogulls setting out from Golcondah w^{n} you wrott me the last lettre after his departure thence I wrott twice to y^{r} hono^{r} w^{ch} I hope y^{o} have rec^{d} and itt may be answered already y^{t} I shall receive itt in the camp the 3 bottles of oyl of mace y^{t} y^{r} hono^{r} sent by Mons^{r} Manooches conveyance I rec^{d} & delivered Mahabad Cawn who presented itt to Allumgeer who accepted itt and enquired for more I shall present him w^{n} I goe to y^{e} Camp haveing rec^{d} the last y^{r} hono^{r} sent me a Case of Cordialls w^{ch} these people esteem no better then strong water itt is not fitting to present itt publickly but w^{n} I goe to y^{e} Camp I shall privatly present itt to Assada Cawn I hear for certaine y^{t} Nabob Shasta Cawn is comeing up to Golcondah.

W^{t} lyes in my power shall not be wanting, therefore I desire y^{r} hono^{r} to keep y^{r} favour towards me. I hear y^{t} Mahomed Ally Beague is goeing down to y^{e} Carnatta Country M^{r} Chardin dd me 8,600 Madrass Pag^{os} 1,400 Pullicatt old Pag^{o} I gave him my receipt for them Dated March 14th.

COJE ABNUSE.

Translate of a List of the Priviledges y^{t} y^{r} hono^{r} sent up to Golcondah in Portugeuz w^{t} of y^{m} y^{e} Court are willing to agree to and w^{t} not w^{ch} y^{r} hono^{r} may be pleased to peruse in y^{e} following.

That the English shall be kindly rec^{d} & hono^{bly} used in all their factories on y^{e} Coast of Cormondall bay of Bengall and Surratt.

That the English shall enjoy y^{e} priviledges that they did formerly in the King of Golcondahs time on y^{e} Coast of Cormandell & the same Phirmaund shall be granted to all persons as was granted y^{n} by y^{e} King of Golcondah this is the Mogulls order.

That according to y^{r} desire you shall have y^{e} priviledge of Coyning Rupees in Maddrass mint putting Allumgeers chop upon them.

That whereas in shaw Sucaurs time he granted a Phirmaund to y^{e} English for their free trade in Bengall but afterwards hagee Sophee Cawfoors Devan Daggan took in his time from the English 3000 Rupees yearly for custome w^{ch} y^{r} hono^{r} would have yearly taken off now but they are not willing to agree to itt but will grant a Phirmaund for y^{r} trading in Bengall provided you pay 3000 Rupees yearly.

Whereas y^{r} hono^{r} desires to have y^{e} small rent y^{o} p^{d} y^{e} King of Golcondah yearly for Maddrass taken off they att first agreed to itt; but w^{n} they heard of y^{r} settlem^{t} in Bengall they would not grant itt but s^{d} y^{o} must pay y^{m} the same rent y^{o} p^{d} formerly I pres^{t} y^{m} very much to have y^{e} town free but they would not grant itt yett I beleive they will abate on [*sic*] years rent.

Y^{r} hono^{r} desires y^{t} if any people belonging to y^{o} should committ faults y^{t} y^{r} selves should do justice but they will not grant itt for they say if any of y^{r} people should kill any of the Country people & run into y^{r} factories for protection is not that a damage to y^{e} Country.

Y^{r} hono^{r} desires y^{t} y^{r} desticks [*sic*] may pass to & fro in the Country w^{ch} they will not allow off but they will mention in their Phirmaund y^{t} y^{e} Divans officers shall give dusticks for passing y^{r} goods att w^{t} time y^{o} have occasion wthout any delay.

That whereas y^{r} hono^{r} desires y^{r} silver should be coyned into Rupees att Hugly by reason y^{t} itt takes up a great deal of time & hazard to send up y^{r} silver to y^{e} Mint att Ragamaull & often hinders y^{r} shipping from proceeding in y^{e} [*a few letters lost*] soon for y^{t} reason y^{y} are willing to grant y^{r} [requests] y^{t} y^{r} silver shall be coyned att Hugly.

That whereas y^{r} hono^{r} desires y^{t} y^{e} Divans Sobadars Possedars Muttaserdaes &c^{a} officers shall not have any thing to do wth y^{r} people they say to that as formerly Sallabad itt shall go on.

That whereas y$^{r\cdot}$ hono$^{r\cdot}$ would have y$^{r\cdot}$ factory att Maulda y^{t} is broken rebuilt strongly as y^{e} Dutch have y$^{t\cdot}$ y$^{r\cdot}$ goods & people may remaine securely they answer y^{t} do y^{o} command y$^{m\cdot}$ to build yo^{r} houses y^{o} may build y^{m} y^{r} selves.

Whereas y^{r} hono^{r} desires y^{t} y^{r} people in any of y^{e} factories y^{t} Allumgeer permitts y^{o} to settle in may do justice to y^{e} people belonging to y^{r} town they will not grant itt.

Whereas y^{r} hono^{r} desires y^{t} y^{r} goods may pass custome free in Surratt Bengall & all y^{e} Country in Allumgeers dominions & for that priviledge you will give yearly some Europe cloth to this they say y^{t} they will not receive any piscash of Europe cloth but the usuall Sallabad shall be given.

Whereas y^{r} hono^{r} desires that y^{e} pole mony should not be taken from you they will grant itt but y^{t} you must pay according to Sallabad yearly in Surrat.

Whereas y^{r} hono^{r} desires y^{t} all goods imported or exported shall not be hindred by y^{e} Divans people but shall pass att y$^{r\cdot}$ pleasure to w$^{ch\cdot}$ they answered they will mention in y^{e} Phirmaund y^{t} according to Sallabad itt shall go on.—mony.

Y^{r} hono^{r} desires y^{t} w^{t} has been taken from y^{o} wrongfully in y^{e} Divans dominions by the Subadarrs Possedarrs Divan & Muttasuddies shall be repayed to w^{ch} they answer they will mention in the Phirmaund y^{t} if y^{o} can catch those people y^{t} have formerly wronged y^{o} they shall pay itt back.

That whereas y^{r} hono^{r} desires to have a small place apart for coyning y^{r} Rupees in y^{e} Divans mint att Surratt and you will pay all the charges as formerly given they agree itt shall be granted you.

Whereas y^{r} hono^{r} desires to have a banksall att y^{e} Water side as y^{e} Dutch have in Surratt to keep their goods by y^{m} selves they answered me y^{t} y^{e} Dutch drove a great trade therew$^{th\cdot}$ spice to w$^{ch\cdot}$ I replyed y^{t} y^{e} English also carryed on a great trade there & brought y^{m} into a beleif off itt therefore they answered itt should be granted to you.

Whereas y^{r} hono^{r} would have y^{e} house & ga[rd]en att Surratt w$^{ch\cdot}$ was ruined by y^{e} Divans people rebuilded again att their charge they answered to y^{t} y^{o} might build itt again for y^{o} must consider y^{t} you had plundred & burnt Hugly.

Y^{r} hono^{r} desires y^{t} you being Europeans might sitt down & rise as y^{o} please to w^{ch} they answered y^{o} may in y$^{r\cdot}$ own houses & gardens but not to drink wine in the street & buzzar & y^{n} abuse people.

Y^{r} hono^{r} desires to rent S^{t} Thoma & other towns adjacent att a cheaper rate y^{n} formerly they were lett att by reason of y^{e} famine they answered me y^{t} they had left those towns to y^{e} disposall of y^{e} Seirlascar of y^{e} Carnatta Country however I will try again to perswade y^{m} to lett y^{r} hono^{r} have y^{m} att rent there is severall other things w^{ch} I thought not convenient to mention in this list Y^{r} hono^{r} ordered me formerly if I could gett not all y^{r} privilidges mentioned in y^{r} list y^{t} I should gett a Phirmaund y^{t} your bussiness should go on currently & better then formerly (y^{e} Divan is willing to grant a Phirmaund) the list of priviledges Y$^{r\cdot}$ hono$^{r\cdot}$ sent in y^{e} portuguez language I had itt translated into Persian & gave Assada Cawn a coppy w$^{ch\cdot}$ perused & gave Allumgeer to understand y^{e} contents of itt: Afterwards Assada Cawn ordered his Cheif minister to ꝑuse itt & acquaint him w$^{t\cdot}$ priviledges were fitting to be granted w^{ch} should be granted after they had considered of itt: they were willing to grant w^{t} mentioned in this paper to w^{ch} I answered unless they would grant all y^{e} priviledges mentioned in y^{e} list I dd̃ y^{m} I could not accept itt to w$^{ch\cdot}$ Assada Cawns Cheif minister aswered [*sic*] me I might acquaint Assada Cawn about itt w^{ch} I did & he answered me y^{t} he would have me go 2 dayes journey wth him to y^{e} Camp but having no mony I did not go y^{r} hono^{r} ordered me y^{t} unless they w$^{d\cdot}$ grant all the priviledges mentioned in the list I should not accept itt therefore I have sent the abovementioned acco$^{t\cdot}$ of w$^{t\cdot}$ priviledges they are willing to grant & w^{t} not w^{ch} y^{r} hono^{r} may please to bring into y^{r} serious consideration & send me ꝑticular & possitive orders under y$^{r\cdot}$ hono$^{rs\cdot}$ hand & seal w^{t} I shall agree to y^{t} hereafter no trouble may come upon me here is a great man on Hogee Sophee Cawn to whom y^{r} hono^{r} may please to write a line or two I shall shortly depart for the Camp leaveing the

mony in Golcondah & take bills of Exchange for itt & if y^r bussiness go on according to y^r hono^r desire I shall make use of y^r mony otherwise itt will lye safe in Golcondah I desire y^r hono^r to send me a speedy answer I send 20 of y^r hono^r peons along w^th these letters & keep on by me.

Golcondah March [*date lost*] $168\frac{7}{8}$

COJE ABNUSE.

To Y^E HONO^BLE ELIHU YALE PRESID^T FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E R^T HONO^BLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A. ON Y^E COAST OF CHORMANDELL &C^A. & GOVER^R. OF FFORT S^T. GEORGE &C^A COUNCILL.

The humble Pet^n. of Anthony Weltden Command^r. of the Curtana ffriggatt

Humbly sheweth,

That y^r. pet &c^a. Owners of s^d. ship having by Charter party contracted w^th. the R^t. Hono^ble. Comp^a. afores^d. to serve y^m a certain time here in India after her arrivall in y^e Country att y^e Demorage of 3 pounds 10 shillings Ster^g. £ ℔ Diem as ℔^sd charter party may appear & whereas y^r petitioner w^th his s^d ship did serve y^e s^d R^t Hono^ble Comp^a. from his arrivall att this place till his departure for Mergen for w^ch he hath no manner of satisfaction and whereas also y^r. pet^r is now bound out upon a Voyage and wanteth mony to supply y^e owners occasions in & about y^e s^d ship and itt being further y^e orders of y^e Owners to imploy their stock on board their s^d ship

Y^r. pet^r. therefore humbly implores y^r hono^r &c^a will vouchsafe to adjust y^e s^d acco^t & pay y^e ballance thereof unto your pet^r on behalf of y^e owners of y^e afores^d. ship.

And y^r. pet^r. as in duty bound shall pray &c^a.

To Y^E HONO^BLE ELIHU YALE ESQ^R. PRESID^T. & GOVER^R. &C^A. COUNCILL.

Fort S^t. George Aprill 9^th 1688.

It is now above a year since we arrived from o^r unhappy China expedition in w^ch we can't but lament y^e R^t Hono^ble. Comp^as loss as well as (we hope) o^r own undeserved censure we were not willing to much to press y^e to beleive us innocent the we had sufficient evidence (& indeed as much as the nature of y^e matter is able to bare (unless supernaturall be desired) to prove us so, till M^r. Barrot should arrive w^n we did not, nor still do doubt to make itt most plainly appear to you, itt is now about 2 months since y^e Gent arrived a fair time for his fruitfull [brains] to have produced w^t might possibley be invented for the mittigation of his so [*a few letters lost*] able & notorious breach of y^e instructions given him by y^e R^t. Hono^ble. Presid^t &c^a (as well as y^e known & established rules of y^e R^t Hono^ble Comp^a) from w^ch has issued their whole loss & dammage in this affair, how far his voluminous audaciously false & sucrrilous [*sic*] relation of y^e passages both in particular and generall may tend to itt we leave to y^r Hono^r &c^a wise & prudent judgm^t to discern we only desire y^r Hono^r &c^a. to give us a hearing of this bussiness y^t we may discover y^e many evasions & shifts he makes in his narrative as well as those wicked and aspersions he casts on those in comission w^th him & also to bring those affidavits & proofs of w^t ever we have s^d or wrott about him w^ch hope will be to y^e ample satisfaction of y^r hono^r &c^a & o^r R^t Hono^ble masters

Wee are Hono^ble S^r &c^a.

Y^r most faithfull & obed^t servants

HENRY MOSE.

DANIEL DUBOIS.

To Y^E HONO^BLE. ELIHU YALE ESQ^R.
PRESID^T & GOVER^R AND C^A [*sic*] COUNCILL Porto Novo y^e 6^th. Aprill 1688.

Hono^ble S^r. &c^a.

Receiving Pag^as. a 1000 from y^r hono^r &c^a for y^e provission of oyl & grain to be sent by y^e Rochester for y^e use of y^e ffort we upon enquiry found itt could not be effected att Cuddaloor but doubted not of procureing as much as we should want att Porto Novo therefore dispatched M^r. Swynock to gett all ready ag^st. y^e arrivall of y^e Rochester; but contrary to expectation find we shall be disapointed thereof for altho' he had agreed att sett prizes yett w^n they came to know y^e quantity we required could not comply y^e goverment permitting no more to be brought down y^n w^t they judge may reasonably supply y^e necessitty [of ?] y^e seaport towns & y^t att dear rates wherefore if y^r hono^r &c^a please to order some person to reside att Trimlevasse or Corracoll y^o cannot meet w^th such dissapointments but alwayes have itt ready on any occassion y^e dutch have lately settled there w^th. doubtless a designe for nothing else but to supply their northerne ffactories on any occasion y^t may require itt;

Herew^th. goes d^r grudgefeilds petition w^ch we leave to y^r Hono^r &c^a consideration but to give him his due he is very deserving being so willing & usefull in y^e writing bussiness in anything that he is required to do there was liberty given to M^r Davis &c^a. in a letter dated Aprill 25: 1685 to reward him as they should find him deserving upon w^ch. he was allowed y^e 4 pag^a. ℔ mensem; but we lately heard itt was not well approved off, so have putt a stop thereto till we hear y^r further pleasure thereabout w^ch is w^t offers att pres^t from

Hono^ble S^r. &c^a.
Y^r most humble & Obed^t. ser^t.
JOHN NICKS.
W^M. HALL.
SAM: SWYNOCK.

P.S.—

Here also comes inclosed o^r Diary consultations & acco^t. cash for y^e past month.

JOHN NICKS.

To Y^E WORSP^LL. JOHN NICKS CHIEF &C^A COUNCILL OF CUDDALOOR & PORTO NOVO

The humble petition of James Grudgfeild sheweth

That whereas y^r petitioner has for y^e space of 2 years & upwards till now been allowed 4 Pag^as. ℔ mensem for assisting in y^e writing bussiness of this factory w^ch he has performed w^th all fidelity & now haveing demanded thereof (as usually every month) of y^e purser is denyed y^e same by him y^r petitioner humbly requests he may be allowed y^e same for this pres^t month & for y^e future if y^r Worp: &c^a designe he shall continue y^e same employ if not to give him y^r orders to desist w^ch hope y^o will not do till y^o have y^e Hono^ble Presid^ts &c^a. orders to whom humbly requests y^r Worsp: &c^a. will please to writt about itt & y^r petitioner shall alwayes humbly pray &c^a.

Cuddaloor factory
Ultimo March 1688. JAMES GRUDGEFEILD.

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To ye Honble Elihu Yale Esqr Fort St George Aprill 13th 1688.
Presidt &c. Worspll Councill,

Sr.

The 10th, instant I had ye first sight of Mr. Mose & Mr. Duboiss' letter or rather Pamphlett agst me dated Xbr. 30th 1688 on board ye Shrewsbury in the preface whereof they pellmell murther my reputation traducing me for a most ꝑfidious and ignorant fellow and wt else their over gorgeing gall or rancour did suggest to ym & tho: their aspertions cannot ꝑjudicate me wth persons just and yt knows me yett because callumny of this nature is ever of pernicious consequence I hope yr honor &ca will take notice thereof for my particular I va[lue] itt but little being certaine yt none are more ready to sullen ye reputations of others then those wch. deserve ye worst ym selves your honor &ca Worspll Councill can likewise justifie I never did endeavour by bragging & vaunting of my skill and ability of ye trade of China to be sent Chief thither as they reflectingly intimate for ye rest I humbly ruturne [*sic*] yr honor this reply.

The very first Paragraph is a strain to prove me a lyar imputing falsly to me I had told ym. of a Castle there wch. they did not find yn they proceed to give a kind of an accot of or transactions ye greatest part of wch they either extracted out of my Diary or gathered by my discourses (how ignorant soever they endeavour to render me) especially where they describe ye civill governmt & passages relateing to trade in Amoy (but in the main mishaprehended) for itt is apparent yt they could receive no satisfactory information therein from ye Chinesess how industrious soever they are willing to seem because the one did not understand a sylable of wt they sd and the other was yn att ye best but a learning parrott.

2dly. they tell yr honor we had a fair begining ye ship came in a house was taken ye goods landed a chop for a free trade obtained. In fine all obstacles removed but who did all yt. securely an ignorant man can't be capeable of so much itt yn implyed to be their act for they say if the trade had been well managed by me a great deal of other goods might have been putt off joyntly wth wt was sold: I wish to know wt goods they mean since nothing remained of the Rt Honoble Compa except some few unproper manifactures I acted clandestinly wherein & how was ye Rt Honoble Compa goods ye year before or after sold for more (Capt. Burton had less for his pepper) or the China goods bought cheaper or did combine wth ye Chinesess to cheat or wrong ye Rt Honoble Compa if they know of any such thing lett them prove itt else I hope yr honor &ca will look on them as malitious & do me justice accordingly.

3ly. It is as notoriously false yt we had any contract concerning ye lead as 'tis true yt all goods named by ym Vizt Pepper Redwood & lead were sold by consultations (as all other matters of momt were acted in yt forme & ye book of consultations on urgent occasions I have shown both to Capt Allford [and] Capt. Burton) ye first being of July but because or goods therein were valued to high we had another in Augst and then resolved to moderate ye same to such certain prizes wch if the Merchants condescended to, to strick wth ym wch accordingly succeeded after almost a months conference wth ym in ye publick hall of or house every morning (wch [if] Mr Mose or Mr Dubois would or could not understand is no fault of mine) & itt is probable they would not have afterwards joyned wth me in ye contract we made wth Capt Allford for ye Rt Honoble Compa lead, in his ship if the former had been sold by me wthout their consent or clandestinely as they pretend; ye lead indeed was carried out the ffactory but Chaban was or securety & because the whole percell was to be devided amongst more then 20 Merchts. (for or. trade was free & generall) & yt ye waiters were to take an accot of every individuall persons share and to receive ye Custome thereof Mr Dubois went wth Chaban ye lingo & others to ye Merchts houses to weigh ym & found ym to hold out weight is there harm in this to free the ffactory from a most insufferable noise of insolent theives & turbulent crew of coolyes & Soulders.

4ly. The next is a long story full of its own contradiction for haveing called me all along arbitrary here they bring me in only hatching & plotting wth Mr Dubois to

turn out Mr Mose yt I might be so (wch would not take) & then to betray ym in ye hands of ye governmt Ergo they combined agst me & I was not arbitrary but it is to be marvelled of wt consequence this treason could be either to ye governmt for to infringe ye laws of nations & hospitallyty by fomenting & encourageing treason among strangers or to myself since I designed for Maddrass (wch could be no safe course for a criminall) & to returne wth 2 ships wth ye like pretty storys but these men regard no more to make a governmt accessary to treason yn to call me traytor only because the [*sic*] apprehended I designed by yt Authority to force their compliance to yr honr &ca orders to remaine there wch they were resolved to evade fall out how itt will & I suppose this is their snake in the grass for the rest of ye fiction, as to provoke Mr. Mose to burn ye books (wn I was not certain whither or no he had writt a word in them) yt there might be a ffllemish accot as he calls itt (wch offence nothing but ignominious death can expiate amongst ym here in India wt ever subterfuges they may have in Europe) deserves no other confutation yn my neglect.

5ly. Butt on of their grand charges agst me is for sending on board the effects of ℔ticular consignmts [to] myself wch they call a new contrivance and indeed they contrived itt so wth Capt Allford yt he would not receive ym into the ship wthout a generall order wch being carried in ye affirmative by ym Mr Dubois was to take an accot & register the freight goods to be shipt but under that notion he quickly usurped ye authority of ℔mitting new freights att his own pleasure wth out takeing notice of me where by both publick and private concern was brought first into confusion and att last to ruine, It is for yr honr &ca to judge of Capt Alfords conduct in that behalf & whither any new freighters on ye ship were to be admitted wthout ye Chiefs consent nay agst his will to ye signall prejudice of ye lawfull & first freighters directly agst the Rt Honoble Compa Intrest wth wch itt had been much more consistent if a vacant place had been reserved for ye Generall of Amoys goods according to yr. orders (to endeavour for freight among yt. people) his Excellencys intention to freight on her & my promise to him yn to ℔mitt others & himself to fill ye ship however this is that knavish designe of mine in wt they glory so much to have prevented me & itt is yt wch in reason & conscience they could not allow of & I hope Mr Register has been no less conscientious to enter the Gold of a considerable quantity yt came on ye ship yt ye Rt Honoble Compa has not been wronged of freight thereof.

6ly. As I neglected no possiable means to engage ye Generall of Amoy in ye int. of ye Rt Honoble Compa by offering him to freight on or ship & other advantagious proposalls to gain his favours as a most oppertune foundation to build our settlemt on (wch I ardently promoted) so I know I disobleidged them in yt & the ℔ticular of freight. prementioned more yn in any thing else since both were directly agst their private aim purpose & intrest wherefore they failed not to undermine my endeavours & thought by villiefieing & aspersing me to overthrow all and because they were jealous Capt: Burton was willing to further ye Junck ye Generall designed att first for Maddrass since or ship had no room for his gross goods (tho firmly promised by me she should be devoted to his service) he must be discredited also for a vagabond pirate &ca. & the Chinesses were intimidated wth invented perill wch they were to encounter wth in this new voyage to Maddrass but of all this not one word is mentioned by ym yett are they not remiss to tax me wth negligence saying I kept my Chamber unconcerned & would not stirr about any thing no contract was made &ca itt is true some slight indisposition forced me some time to keep wth in doors & then perhaps I did more good by seeming Idle then they by all their stir & noise att least they cannot say I spent my mornings in preparing my breakfast & my afternoons in examining Hockchen potts but itt is to me very strange how ye prizes of goods bought by us were so uniform & in a manner the same if there were no generall contract for ym & doubtless wthout itt those braging ovan baroes must have pd sauce for their apprenticeship before they come to pretend to be fitt directors of that negotiation as easy as they make of itt: because they found itt so; as for their opinion or bussiness might have been finished a month sooner then itt was is certainly a school master like conceit for itt is well known ye Chinesses maximes is to delay trade wth forreiners all they can yt thereby they may buy cheap & sell dear & likewise yt ye Chief Customer

be he of y^e^ order of either Lyphow Hengphow Peapho[w] Houphow Leaphow or Cangphow will favour y^e^ Domestick Merch^ts^ & for their own proffitt keep strangers in hand as long as they can & if the time of y^t^ Houphow y^t^ was att Amoy w^n^ we were there had not happen'd to expect much about y^e^ time o^r^ ship departed thence we should not have been ꝑmitted to transport o^r^ remains as we did or y^e^ ship to sayle so soon this inconveniency alone shews of w^t^ benefitt it would be to have a ffactory in China.

However I am beholden to y^m^ for their ingenious declaration y^t^ they were offered by the Governm^t^ to stay there but because itt was only for to sell some remaines & y^t^ they could not have terms to their likeing they did not accept thereof nor could (I am perswaded) y^e^ very best that might have been presented to y^m^ have courted their concent therein since y^e^ one had some private reasons [w^ch^] urged his departure for Maddrass & the other was to be y^e^ next year of age & China was out of his way for his patrimony to be conveyed to him w^ch^ together w^th^ y^e^ reasons they give I must leave to y^r^ Hono^r^ &c^a^ judicious consideration and say only that ye gener^ll^ of Amoy thought y^e^ pretence of o^r^ unsold goods a plausable argum^t^ for him to ꝑmitt o^r^ stay for being once introduced we may gradually purchase o^r^ permanent establishm^t^ there w^th^ y^e^ less trouble & expencess but y^e^ consequence of y^t^ refusall time will best discover so shall not further presue to tire y^r^ Hono^r^ &c^a^ patience but referr their virulent railings & absurdities for a more compleat answer to y^e^ papers I have given in all ready w^ch^ together w^th^ the matter of fact testimonys & rationall circumstances (tho they call me Lazy yett giddly active proud yett a Companion for rascalians ignorant & simple yett a Matchiavellian all in one breath) I hope will perswade y^r^ Hono^r^ &c^a^ of my sincerity especially since my own Creditt reputation & Int. was so apparently enterwoven & inseperably depending on y^e^ R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ good success in y^e^ expidition of China.

Y^r^ Hono^r^ &c^a^ worsp^ll^ Councills

Most humble Serv^t^.

Sam^ll^ Barron.

To y^E^ Hono^BLE^ Elihu Yale Esq^R^.

Presid^t^ &c^A^ Council of Maddrass. Gombroon ffeb^ry^ 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

Hono^ble^ S^r^ & S^rs^.

We have been now this 3 months hono^d^: w^th^ y^rs^ of y^e^ 12 of ffeb^ry^. 168$\frac{8}{7}$ ꝑship dragon w^ch^ we shall here respond to & recount w^t^ needfull & give y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^ a relation of this her teadious residence w^ch^ hath altogether corresponded in misfortunes w^th^ the rest of her voyage but first to the letter afore us w^ch^ arrived y^e^ 6^th^ of Decem^r^ wherein we meet w^th^ admiration relateing to y^e^ Georges Invoyce in y^t^ 2000 Chequeens should be Invoyced att no more y^n^ 24200 Shahees whereupon examining o^r^ books we find itt there rightly charged amo^t^ to 68400 Shahees so y^t^ we wholly impute this errour to be in him y^t^ coppyed the Invoyce but where & how y^e^ abasses & Dollars should be so erronious we cannot imagine o^r^ Broaker & all his people protesting the tale to be true when sent from hence; wherefore we desire y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^ by y^e^ next conveyance to advise us whither the want be in tale or weight & if y^e^ latter be pleased to advise us how y^r^ weights are y^t^ the thing may be adjusted before time eats out it's memory.

We could wish w^th^ y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^ y^e^ Embassadors had never been entrusted w^th^ one groat of y^e^ R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ mony but att y^t^ time by report of M^r^ Edwards it's loan could not be avoyded nor they suffered to go off y^e^ shoar altho now so ungratefully detained.

On this ship Dragon we remitt to y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^ w^t^ mony [we] have now by us belonging to y^e^ Bay altho we fear [*a word or two lost*] fficient to make good y^e^ ballance of w^t^ due to [your Ag]ency but hope by next conveyance to be able to clear all acco^ts^ by reason M^r^ Edwards from spauhay doth now advise to have sold all the romalls & we att present (y^e^ Agent being dead) wholly in a manner strangers to y^e^ Acco^ts^: & concerns here; hope of y^r^ Hono^r^ &c^a^ favourable constructions of o^r^ ꝑsent actions being by Cap^t^ Wildy involved into a mint of trouble y^t^ we cannot throughly examine into matters as we ought to do but w^t^ mony we found in y^e^ house att y^e^ decease of y^e^ Agent & since procurable we do now send y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^ as per the inclosed invoyce amo^t^ to Shahees 1153105 : 5 coz : & as time & oppertunity intend to make good o^r^ prementioned promisess & alwayes truely to act y^r^ comands as may be to y^r^ satisfaction.

And now we come to y^r^ clause concerning y^e^ steel whereto we can say but little as being wholly strangers to y^e^ bussiness butt upon enquiry [we] find the steel sold in Spahaune att 10 abasses ꝑ ꝑ's & had been 12 & since y^t^ Cap^t^ Kempthorn has referred himself to o^r^ R^t^ Hono^ble^ Masters we humbly desire excuse from further treaty on y^t^ matter.

The Dragon arrived w^th^ us the 6^th^ of 9^r^ w^n^ we gave her a nimble delivery of her Cargo in hopes y^t^ she might as speedily have departed wherein we were hughly [*sic*] deceived the ship being not able to returne before halled on shoar w^ch^ Cap^t^ ffenn undertook on y^e^ Island of Kishmie but was not ꝑmitted by the Almighty to go through w^th^ her work being suddenly taken ill & in a few dayes dyed upon advice of w^ch^ we appointed M^r^ Pensax his Cheif mate to act as Comand^r^ untill arrivall to y^r^ Hono^r^ &c^a^ whose behavour hitherto has been such y^t^ we hope of y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^ confirmation to this his preferm^t^ & referr y^r^ Hono^r^ &c^a^ to him & M^r^ Leveson for a further acco^t^ of y^e^ teadious refitting of this ship & all we fear not sufficient to carry her to England his wordly [*sic*] endowm^ts^ (he makeing no will) we thought fitt to putt into the hands of M^r^ Leveson, y^e^ pres^t^ Comand^r^ M^r^ Gorbell y^e^ Cheif mate & y^e^ Carpenter for disposiour who will give y^r^ Hono^r^ &c^a^ we hope a faithfull & just acco^t^ of y^e^ same w^n^ itt pleasess god to arrive the ship w^th^ you w^ch^ we hope may be in less time then they were comeing hither or their stay here w^ch^ has been very teadious & something y^e^ more so in y^t^ we had contracted a freight w^th^ o^r^ shaw bundarr for Rajapore w^ch^ would have amo^t^ed to some 5 or 600 £ to have helped to have [*a word or two lost*] w^ch^. altho firmly contracted for is now putt off [*a word or two lost*] eive through fear created on y^e^ actions of Cap^t^ W^m^. [Wildy] w^ch^ the bearer will recount to y^r^ Hono^r^ &c^a^ so y^t^ [*a word lost*] being frustrated of y^t^ freight we send the ship directly to y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^ w^th^ out anything more y^n^ w^t^ laden by y^e^ Supracargoes & officers of y^e^ latter plead priviledge & the former reference to y^r^ Hono^r^ &c^a^ for the freight of 159 Chests he carryes w^th^ him to severall persons concerned one y^e^ ship w^n^. came hither w^ch^ amo^t^ of freight we now send in Chequeens as y^o^ will read annexed to y^e^ enclosed invoyce & specified in bill of ladeing w^ch^ god send safe to y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^ reception.

The Gent: freighters of this ship hither where there consignm^ts^ were more favourable to y^e^ factory y^n^ others for w^ch^ we give y^m^ o^r^ hearty thankes & hope as we have acted o^r^ uttermost in their service itt may give content to y^m^ all & encouragem^t^ to send their ships for the future consigned to y^e^ ffactory & we do not doubt but to do their bussiness w^th^out supracargoes who often brings trouble on y^m^ selves & us y^e^ governm^t^ being more strickt now then ever in y^e^ Custome affairs & are troublesome to us on y^e^ arrivall of all ships suspecting their Cargoes to belong to particular men & not y^e^ R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ w^ch^ was first occasioned by some Supracargoes but this person now w^th^ us hath behaved himself better & carryes y^e^ effects of all y^e^ Cargoes w^th^ him unless itt be some small matter that would not sell.

We take notice y^{t} y^{r} Hono^{r} &c^{a} writes concerning grain but are not able to assist y^{o} wth any but wheatt & in regard this ship has been so long from y^{o} we have reason to hope y^{o} may have y^{t} comoditie now cheaper y^{n} we here so send not any but conclude this as we really are

Y^{r} Hono^{r} &c^{a}
Ready humble Serv^{ts}
GEORGE COOK.
FRANCIS SNAPE.
CHARLES KENION.

P.S.—
Upon the earnest entreaty of y^{e} Serjant M^{r} Palmer & his pressing necessitys pleading for him we gratified his desires in 80 Ma[ñodys] to buy him necessityes w^{ch} we have deducted out of y^{e} acco^{t} freight as y^{r} hono^{r} &c^{a} will see by the Invoyce.

Since the Closure of y^{e} above written we have been earnestly solicited by y^{e} french Padre to send for him 20 Chests of wine for y^{r} port he haveing p^{d} freight for the same 300 abasses w^{ch} wth 300 Shahees freight of an Armenian we remitt to y^{r} Hono^{r} in Chaqueens 45$\frac{7}{8}$ entred in y^{e} foot of o^{r} [*a few lines lost*]

To Y^{E} HONO^{BLE} ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}
PRESID^{T} &C^{A} COUNCILL

Fort S^{t} George.
Aprill 21st 1688.

Hono^{ble} S^{r} &c^{a}

It is not unknown w^{t} frequent & frivilous complaints y^{e} black people take occasion to make ags^{t} most y^{t} have any negotiation wth y^{m} whither there be occasion or not as I shall make appear y^{e} Viziagapotam Merch^{ts} have now done agst me (and) tho I might expect more in relation of my Creditt compared wth theirs, yett I hope att last to have y^{e} same measure of Justice ags^{t} y^{m} by makeing void their complaints as they can expect to have ags^{t} me if they could prove itt therefore in answer to w^{t} they falsly aledge I do say y^{t} the goods they mention to have been imposed upon y^{m} to take I was so farr from y^{t} I had sold y^{m} to particular Merch^{ts} whereupon these complaints wth other Merch^{ts} came & desired me not to lett y^{t} other Merch^{t} have y^{m} but y^{m} w^{ch} I sold y^{m} I could not justly do however by their importunity I did perswade the s^{d} Merch^{t} to revoke his bargin w^{ch} he did & so y^{e} complaints very satisfactory took y^{m} att y^{e} same price so y^{t} if a request from y^{e} complaints to me to do y^{m} a kindness is a Compulsion upon y^{m} I leave itt to any to judge as also how incongruous to common sence itt is y^{t} I should deliver y^{m} over to y^{e} moors for so doeing w^{ch} was by myself granted & done for y^{m}.

The Comp^{as} Investm^{t} not being likely to be complyed wth time enough for y^{e} goods to be ready to be sent up [by the] first ship y^{t} came from Bengall [*a few words lost*] y^{e} Presid^{t} &c by reason y^{t} [*a line or two lost*] mony w^{ch} to stay for till the Europe shipping arrived were to no purpose they desired me to lett y^{m} have some goods & mony of my own to forward y^{m} for the Investm^{t} w^{ch} I did to y^{e} amo^{t} of Pag^{as} 16616 : 19 : 6 wth w^{ch} they went on & in mony & Dollars they had of y^{e} Comp^{a} Pag^{as} 19109 : 22 so that the whole that was in their hands was Pag^{as} 35726 : 4 : 5 & the whole Investm^{t}. 19109 : 22 was sent upon the Shrewsbury time enough for England and how they can pretend I sent the worst goods to Maddrass & had the best for myself I cannot Imagine unless the turned out cloth be y^{e} best for after y^{e} Comp^{as} Investment was made w^{ch} was packed & call to come up to muster (and for w^{ch} I have since rec^{d} commendations from England for itt) I still wanted to be p^{d} my debt according to their former promise but I could gett nothing of y^{m} but y^{e} turned out cloth (they pleading poverty) and y^{t} att such price y^{t} after itt came here I lost

[by ?] y^e^ sale thereof considerably as can make appear besides they had the use of my mony 11 months for w^ch^ I have rec^d^ no satisfaction now whither this may be lookt on to be peice of good service to y^e^ Comp^a^ help to y^e^ Merch^ts^ yett a damage to myself I refer to grave Judgem^ts^. I do beleive itt is no hard matter to prove y^e^ complaint to be forged if refferrence be had to a Letter from M^r^. Ramsden & M^r^ Fleettwood bearing date the [*Lacuna in the original*] day of [*Lacuna in the original*] 1686 y^e^ w^ch^ I hope will be entertained w^th^ greater Creditt then the noisy & empty complaints of scandilous people that has not (one may beleive) those principles of morrall honesty to sway their greedy consciences from pursuite of their int^s^. lett them be never so much in y^e^ wrong & partly to demonstrat[e] this had they been right for w^t^ reason may itt be thought they would refuse comeing to Maddrass to appear before justice w^n^ they had desired y^e^ gov^r^ &c^a^ to send for me & y^m^ but being consious [*sic*] [*a word or two lost*] of y^e^ falcity of their complaint some denyed [them] & all y^e^ others refused to go but I was resolved to clear [myself] & therefore sent y^m^ up [*a word lost*] ag^st^. their wills nay they [offered] me 100 Pa^s^ a man to excuse y^m^ & y^t^ they would give under their hands y^t^ all they had wrot ags^t^. me was false this does sufficiently prove y^e^ uncertainty of their complaints by their backwardness in persecution & denyall of the fact w^ch^ submitt to your favourable construction & crave leave to subscribe myself

Hono^ble^: S^r^ &c^a^

Y^r^ very humble serv^t^

Richard Browne.

To y^e^ Hono^ble^ Elihu Yale Esq^r^.
Presid^t^ & Gover^r^ &c^a^ Councill

Porto Novo Aprill y^e^ 8^th^ 1688.

Hono^ble^ S^r^ &c^a^

This is to advise y^t^ this day we dispatched y^e^ ship Rochester for Cunimeer whereon M^r^ Hall takes his passage for the ffort as he was ordered & now have laden on her from Cuddaloor & this place to y^e^ amo^t^ of Pag^o^ 31768. 1 according to Invoyce & bill of ladeing here inclosed & hope to have a considerable number before y^e^ ship be dispatched for Europe w^ch^ we shall send to y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^ if conveyance can be procured otherwise hope y^o^ will please to furnish us therew^th^.

We heartily sorry for y^e^ disapointment of Graine & oyl w^ch^ could not be avoyded as we advised in o^r^ former & itt is now as dear w^th^ us as y^o^ & much feared to grow worse rather y^n^ better. The 2 letters inclosed came from Ibrahim Cawn from whom also we rec^d^ one w^th^ great promises of friendship & assistance upon all occasions in the R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ affais [*sic*] haveing offered itt we should find itt convenient to procure us a Cowl for o^r^ security in those dangers times but we shall waite till we shall hear w^t^ y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^. will please to order w^n^ y^o^ have understood the contents of his letters.

[*A word or two lost*] remitt o^r^ Pursers acco^t^ for the months of [*a word or two lost*] March w^ch^ is all y^t^ offers att pres^t^ from

Hono^ble^ S^r^ &c^a^

Y^r^ most humble & obedient Serv^ts^

John Nicks.

Sam^ll^. Synock [*sic*].

Translate of a Letter from Ebrahim Cawn from Arrealoor to y^e^ Hono^ble^ Elihu Yale Presid^t^, no date.

I enjoy good health & should be glad to hear y^e^ like from y^r^: Hono^r^ 'tis a long time since I came to this place in Allumgeers service & am minded to shew some private good service to him, my ffather alwayes keept a friendly correspondence w^th^

y^e^ Hono^ble^ English I shall therefore desire y^r^ Hono^r^: to write to M^r^ Nicks upon all occassions to keep friendship w^th^ me & do w^t^ I shall desire him for other bussiness M^r^ Nicks letter will att large informe y^o^ y^r^ hono^r^ being an understanding person I shall not enlarge save to desire y^r^ future commands.

To y^e^ Hono^ble^ Elihu Yale Esq^r^. Cunimeer y^e^ 25^th^ Aprill 1688.
&c^a^ Councill.

Hono^ble^ s^r^ &c^a^.

On y^e^ 18^th^ Instant in y^e^ morning I rec^d^ my dispatch from M^r^ Nicks &c^a^ att Porto Novo y^e^ same day att evening I arrived in this road as I passed by Pullicherry there was but one small ship att anchor since from this place can see three ships in s^d^ road since my comeing here the winds have blown so fresh have rec^d^ but 16 Bales on board me.

Just now came to my hands a Letter from M^r^ Nicks &c^a^ the Coppy of w^ch^ I here in send enclosed w^ch^ I offer to y^r^ Hono^r^ &c^a^ perusuall & w^t^ orders y^o^ are pleased to give shall be readily observed but if in case the ship specified therein should pass by this road before y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^ orders come to hand, I shall take care to examine her w^ch^ is all y^t^ offers from

Hono^ble^ &c^a^
Y^r^ very humble Servant
John Bromwell.

Cap^t^ John Bromwell. Porto Novo Aprill 24^th^ 1688.
S^r^.

Yesterday in y^e^ evening a ship anchored in this Road under french Colours w^ch^ M^r^ Turlington knows to be the same M^r^ Coats took from y^e^ Armenian att Maddapolam y^e^ people that came on shoar gave out she came from Surratt, but her Cargo declares that to be false being laden w^th^ Commodities proper for y^t^ place as peper tynn & copper sandall & sappan wood all w^ch^ Circumstances give us cause to suspect her to belong to y^e^ King of Syam we thought very convenient to advise you thereof not knowing w^t^ orders y^o^ may have from y^e^ R^t^ Hono^ble^ Presid^t^ &c^a^ or if y^o^ think convenient to send y^m^ this advice to know their further orders we believe y^e^ ship will not make any long stay here therefore make as quick dispatch as y^o^ can w^ch^ is y^e^ needfull att pres^t^ from

S^r^ Y^r^ affec^t^ friends
John Nicks.
Sam^ll^ Synocke.

To y^e^ Hono^ble^ Elihu Yale Esq^r^ Presid^t^ and
Gover^r^ &c^a^ Councill in ffort S^t^ George. Aprill y^e^ 27^th^ 1688.

Hono^ble^ S^r^. &c^a^.

Upon the Arrivall of y^e^ Syam Ship we sent a letter of advice to Cap^t^ Bromwell att Cunimeer dated y^e^ 24^th^ Instant since w^ch^ they have been designeing to surprize us this morning they sent their boat on shoar w^th^ armes for 20 men intending to fall upon the ffactory in the night [which] we were informed by two men y^t^ came ashoar [*a word or two lost*] same boat & putt y^m^ selves under o^r^ protection [*a word or two lost*] we seized on the boat & being denyed any assistance by y^m^ of y^e^ boats or Cooleys to carry of [*a few words lost*] we sent [*a word or two lost*] to secure the ships in y^e^ road by y^e^ same bate & M^r^ Turlingtons but y^e^ prospects riggin and Gunns weare all in hold y^t^ they could not fitt her in time to defend themselves, The French Captaine was ashoare whom y^e^ Subidar asisted with a Mussula & sent him on board gaurded with Marateas, and as soon as they were cleare againe of the Ship the French, weighed and stood a board our men not being able to prepare themselves to Saile came all on Shoare, againe, and y^e^ prospect was immediately taken after, and is

now under sayle for Puddicherry we sent severall Messages to the Subidar; to help us to boates to send of Lascarrs and other Necessaries, but instead of that have beseiged the Factory and will not lett us have any water, Saying Cap^{t}: Bromewell [*sic*] has taken one of our Shipps for which they will have Satisfaction, and veryly beleive the next News you heare will be we are all cutt off, wherefore desire you will please to send speedy assistance, and Strength, enough to call this People to account for the Injury, which is all at present

from Honourable S^{r} &c^{a}
Yo^{r} most humble Servants
JOHN NICKS.
SAMUELL SYNOCK.

P.S.—
The French tooke her under their own Coulours the prospect wearing y^{e} Polonian.

J.D.M.—
The papers inclosed were dd to us by the french Captaine w^{ch} does declare the Ship & Cargo to be y^{e} King of Syam's.

Hono$^{ble.}$ [*sic*] May $\overline{9}^{mo}$ 1688.

Y^{r} hono^{r} &c^{a} Councill has ordered me to sayle from hence severall dayes agoe yett upon y^{r} hono^{r} verball order I have stayed for Comp$^{a.}$ w^{ch} I am informed will not sayle till to morrow night I humbly begg y^{t} y^{r} hono^{r} would be pleased to give me further instr[uction] y$^{t.}$ I may be thereby secured from all damages that [might accrue] to me for the breach of my first orders & I shall [be infin]itely oblieged to y^{r} hono^{r} remaining.

Y^{r} hono^{rs} most humble Servant
THO: LACY.

To Y^{E} HONO^{BLE} ELIHU YALE ESQ$^{R.}$
PRESID^{T} &C^{A} COUNCILL.

Aprill y^{e} 29$^{th.}$ 1688.

Hono^{ble} S$^{r.}$ &c$^{a.}$

Wee advised y^{r} hono^{r} &c^{a} y^{e} 27th Instant of the troubles that were come upon us w^{ch} still continues to the great Hazard of the R^{t} Hono^{ble} Comp^{a} concerns haveing 50 Bales of fine goods in the Godowne ready w^{ch} we fear they will seize on makeing great demands for the damages they sustained by Cap^{t} Bromwells takeing the Chouleers Ship the Syamers now are so numerious att Pullicherry and these people so ill affected y^{t} they may be Perswaded easily to act any thing ags^{t} us but we have provided o^{r} selves so well as we can to prevent a Surprize y^{e} Rantaccours doeing good service therein for w^{ch} if y^{o} please to send 2 or 3 feild Carrages itt would do well we desire y^{r} Hono^{r} &c^{a} would be pleased to consider our condition & provide for o^{r} security y^{e} greatest of o^{r} danger is from y^{e} Syamer for y^{e} Country people we are indifferent well provided for & nothing but ships of force can secure the factory there is another Syam Ship dayly expected here who doubtless by the toleration of the Gover^{mt} will do us all y^{e} misscheif he can butt all o^{r} hopes is y^{t} y^{r} hono^{r} &c^{a} will prevent y^{m} by a timely preparation upon considera^{n} of w^{t} has been past already.

Just now appears a ship to y^{e} Norwa[rd] w^{ch} is thought to be y^{e} Syammer y^{t} lately went from Pullicherry from whom has reported y^{e} Avaldar wherein he advises he intends here again & y^{t} he's resolved wth his guns to beat down the ffactory & carry the Cheif and second prisoners on board promiseing likewise to do no harm to y^{e} town but if any mischance should happen will give y^{m} compleat satisfaction w^{ch} is w^{t} offers att present from

Hono^{ble} S^{r} &c$^{a.}$
Y^{r} most obedient Serv^{ts}
JN$^{o.}$ NICKS.
SAM$^{LL.}$ SYNOCK.

Conimeer Aprill y^e^ 27^th^ 1688.

Hono^ble^ S^r^ &c^a^.

Since my last to your hono^r^ &c^a^ Councill I hear ℔ M^r^ Willcox y^t^ y^e^ french have taken ship prospect out of Porto Novo road & I suppose this day is arrived att Pullicherry by their fireing off from thence many guns w^ch^ I heard in this road w^ch^ I suppose y^r^ hono^r^ will resent very ill therefore I think fitt to acquaint y^r^ hono^r^ in w^t^ condition my ship is in, in case y^r^ hono^r^ should order me to require satisfaction of y^m^.

First I have but 50 Europe men & boyes (or there abouts) besides 8 English Soulders some of w^ch^ are sick and now ashoar here 2^dly^ a pestered ship by wood & cask therefore if y^r^ hono^r^ is pleased to order me on any designe ag^st^ the french who are Europians & in their own port I hope y^o^ will be pleased to supply me w^th^ a sufficient Compleam^t^ of Europe men (w^ch^ should be 160 men) & to order I may sett ashoar y^e^ Comp^a^ wood & my own cask y^t^ I may have a clear ship y^n^ don't doubt but to comply w^th^ w^t^ y^r^ hono^r^ &c^a^ Councill shall be pleased to order w^ch^ is w^t^ offers from

Hono^d^ S^r^
Y^r^ humble Serv^t^
JOHN BROMWELL.

To y^E^ MOST HONO^BLE^ ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^
PRESID^T^ & GOVERN^R^ OF FFORT S^T^ GEORGE.

Pullicherry May y^e^ 10^th^ 1688.

Hono^ble^ S^r^.

Senior Germain who yesternight returned from Maddrass hither informed me off y^e^ kind assistance & accomodating [*a word lost*] of y^r^ magazine w^th^ anchor cables & other cordages a[ccordin]g to o^r^ necessities for w^ch^ I remaine in such obliga [*a few letters lost*] I do fear there will be no oppertunity so fitt [as to] demonstrate to y^r^ hono^r^ my gratitude to y^o^ ward, but will satisfie myself assuring y^r^ hono^r^ y^t^ no man can be more desirous to do then I wishing alwayes to serve y^o^ in any thing & y^t^ itt might be effected accordingly.

I cannot presume or conceive y^e^ expressing done to y^o^ by y^r^ subaltarners att Porto Novo of w^t^ being past between y^m^ & y^e^ officers of a ship anchored in y^e^ same road y^e^ 4^th^ instant bearing a white Colour I excuse the owner of her to mention him herein but only y^t^ many french officers adventured on her their merchandize to returne y^m^ wine & other refreshing things from Persia where she was bound sailing from Mergin but in sight of the Maldaviaes constrained by tempestious weather to turn herself att Cochin where she mett a ship of a Particular Englishman & att y^e^ Northernmost part of y^e^ same place y^t^ bigg ship of w^ch^ intelligence is given y^o^ by senior Germain on the arrivall of her in this road y^e^ 8^th^ inst (bringing along w^th^ her the ship of Don Theodore de S^t^ Lucas) y^e^ Cap^t^ informed me off the bussiness w^ch^ could not be admitted by me all to be true but by severall attestations & letters of impartiall persons oblieged me to say y^t^ y^e^ serv^ts^ of y^r^ Comp^a^ had been very cholours in their proceedings although y^e^ Cap^t^ of y^t^ ship cannot be praised, who did not advise us of his arrivall att Porto Novo where he would effect his trade if he were not hindred by such obstacles as he meetts & according to all appearance w^th^ out that should not have retired himself to this o^r^ factory ; tis a case touchable to o^r^ Comp^a^ who will care to hinder such perticular commerce' touching y^e^ action of y^e^ s^d^ Cap^t^ (defending himself retireing) seem to us he has followed y^e^ Naturall Law placeing w^th^ standing ags^t^ violence I excuse y^e^ enlarging of y^e^ concern of this success, of w^ch^ can be presented to y^r^ hono^r^ many circumstances more but will only say I endeavoured allwayes to prev^t^ all ill consequences by w^ch^ can be alltered o^r^ mutuall correspondence wherefore ordered y^e^ s^d^ Cap^t^ not to make any stay but to depart hence immeadiately w^ch^ being observed by him att y^e^ very same day of his arrivall [*a word lost*] by us kept here y^e^ ship of Don Theodore de S^t^ Lucas w^ch^ [*a word or two lost*] have disposed otherwise but considering to be [*a word or two lost*] y^t^ y^e^ owner of her & other partner should suffer for y^e^ [*a word or two lost*] cted by others we did prevent y^m^ of such loss & rest only to offer y^r^ hono^r^ my humble service w^ch^ I do herew^th^ & remaine

Y^r^ hono^r^ most humble & obliegd sev^t^.
MARTIN.

To y^E HONO^BLE ELIHU YALE ESQ^R

PRESID^T & GOVERN^R &C^A COUNCILL. Porto Novo May ℔mo 1688.

Hono^ble s^r &c^a

Since o^r last y^e scene is altered for y^e Subidar &c^a through o^r keeping close to o^r selves & ℔mitting neither dubash nor any other of o^r serv^ts to appear, were apprehensive of some danger y^t might ensue on y^e town for w^t they had done well remembring how they were served by the danes w^ch made y^m very instruementall by their letters to Pullicherry for y^e redelivery of y^e ship w^ch we were informed was done by a Lett^r from Tho: Argent y^e Gunner & doubtless y^r hono^r &c^a will have y^e same long before this & yesterday y^e subidar &c^a sent to us desireing us to admitt y^m to come to y^e ffactory to discourse of w^t had past w^ch we thought very reasonable to consent to who before a multitude of people did declare y^m selves to be under very great errours & desired y^t w^t was past might be forgiven & hereafter would take care to give no such occasion to make a difference between us promiseing likewise y^t if any Syam Ship should come into this road they would give us & y^e Comp^a concerns all y^e protection y^e Country can afford w^ch we kindly accepted of & thought convenient att parting y^e better to engage their future friendship to pres^t y^e Subidar to y^e amo^t of Pag^s 120 in gold Chains China Silks & broad cloth & the Avaldar w^th 2 P^cs of silk & 2 p^cs. of Beetelaes w^ch if had not been on this occasion of their submission must have been larger haveing had a promise thereof before we went from this place & never had rec^d any thing of us since he came [&] y^e Governm^t before now & hope all differences are now so well accomodated y^t we shall not have occassion to make y^e like complaints again of y^m but carry y^e R^t Hono^ble Comp^a bussiness cheerfully on w^th out y^e least interruption w^ch is all y^t offers att pres^t from

H[ono^ble] S &c^a

Y^r most humble & obed^t Serv^ts

JOHN NICKS.

SAM^LL. SYNOCK.

Bengall Merch^t. May y^e 4^th.

May itt please y^r hono^r att 10 att night 1688.

Yo^r letter I just now rec^d and am very glad to hear y^e differences bettween us & y^e Natives are composed but am heartily sorry y^t y^e Syamer is gone of y^e Coast before is coursed [*sic*] with either Cap^t. Bromwell or my self I shall follow y^r hono^rs. orders in comeing into the road againe but fear itt will be 2 or 3 dayes first itt being now just upon y^e full moon y^e Currant is so impetious & y^e wind so right in o^r teeth w^th a great sea y^t there is no beating ags^t itt; but y^r Hono^r may assure y^r self y^e first oppertunity I shall putt y^e Mandates in execution I am may itt please y^r Hono^r.

Y^r Hono^rs most faithfull

& obedient Serv^t

W^M PERSE.

To y^E HONO^BLE ELIHU YALE ESQ^R

PRESID^T & GOVERN^R &C^A COUNCILL. Conimeer May y^e 8^th 1688.

Hono^ble S^r &c^a

This only serves for covert of the inclosed Invoyce & bill of Ladeing ℔ Ship Rochester M^r Willcox has been some time indisposed & continues so still, but hopes in a few dayes to give y^e an acco^t att large of all affairs here in y^e interim w^th our most respectfull [*a word or two lost*] crave leave to subscribe

Hono^ble S^r &c^a

Y^r most humble obed^t Serv^t

JOHN WILLCOX.

SIMON HOLCOMBE.

JOHN DEVET.

Translate of a Letter from Mahomed Sadeek from Wandewash to y^e^ Hono^ble^ Elihu Yale Esq^r^, No Date.

I enjoy good health & should be glad to hear y^e^ like from y^r^ hono^r^ lately I heard y^t^ one of my serv^ts^ brothers haveing been att some difference w^th^ him went to y^r^ town & some of y^r^ people kept him in prison therefore s^d^ Moccadum has sent some of his people to enquire so I desire y^r^ hono^r^ to keep friendship w^th^ me & send y^t^ boy along w^th^ these people & y^t^ y^r^ hono^r^ would not lett any body hinder him from proceeding hither.

By his Majestyes coñand.

His Majesty y^e^ King of Syam & his just Declaration ags^t^ y^e^ Hono^ble^ Govern^r^ & Comp^ã^ of Merch^ts^ of London trading to y^e^ East India & y^e^ Govern^r^ & Councill of Fort S^t^ George.

The zeal and affection & favour y^t^ his Majesty & his Royall predecesors have ever entertain'd for all forreign Merch^ts^ tradeing to his Kingdom & to those of y^e^ english Nation in perticular, whereof y^e^ factors of y^e^ Hono^ble^ : Comp^a^ : have been the cheife, is so obvious to y^e^ world y^t^ it needs noe farther publication and y^e^ care this court has ever had in y^e^ due edecation of its ministers for forreign affaires where by y^e^ priviledges granted to each nation might not be infringed or invaded is so manifest that his Majesty hopes y^e^ world will doe his royall authoryty the justice to belive that it's nothing but an inevieable necessety y^t^ forces his majesty to y^e^ resolution of takeing up armes ags^t^ the afores^d^ : english Comp^a^ : these in there service for y^e^ vindication of his honour & defence of his ports & subjects till such time y^t^ his Majesty of great brittaine by his royall authoryty over y^e^ afor[said comp?] any puts an end y^es^ disturbances that they & the [*a word or two lost*] irregular actions and proceedings has [*a word or two lost*] to this Orient in its [*a word lost*] peace founder on no ot[her] grounds then y^e^ [*a word lost*] the natives of there estates, by whom s^d^ Comp^a^ : have soe plentifully [enricht] y^m^ selves where his majesty leaves them and proceeds to manifest to y^e^ world how much his royall honour & treasure has suffer'd by y^e^ afores^d^ Comp^a^ and there servants in y^e^ following Articles.

1.

The factors of the Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ : of Merchants of London tradeing to y^e^ east Indies in y^e^ Reigne of his Majesty predecesor : Soñ : Det : Luan : Troñ ; Jan : and it is supposed of his Majesty Charles y^e^ first of happy memory, was indebt to his majestys treasure for severall loans y^e^ sum of one thous & five hundred Cattees or seventy five thousand Ryall ℔ w^ch^ : could not repay in regard of their intend'd warr y^t^ happen'd at y^e^ end of that happy King reigne so they left y^e^ Kingdome.

2.

That Samuell pots Cheif for affaiers of y^e^ afores^d^ honorable Company in y^e^ year 2226 which is after y^e^ Roman account 1682 entertained severall debaucht Ruffains to disturbing the peace of his Majestys Royall Cytty of cruntep ♆rama Hannicon alias Syam by their continuall debauchings fightings & fireing severall Blunder busses in y^e^ streets at every unseasonable howers of the night contrary to y^e^ advice and derections of his Majestys Ministers who seeing his royall authoryty contemned in them arrested one of y^e^ cheifest of y^e^ afores^d^ ruffains which y^e^ aforesaid Samuell potts with his associats armed in a hostile manner rescued out of y^e^ Justices hands.

3.

That by y^e^ debaucht life of y^e^ aforesaid companians of y^e^ aforesaid Sam^ll^ potts one large brick & 3 timber houses of his Majestys wherein y^e^ aforesaid Comp^as^ servants kept there residence were burnt down to y^e^ grownd y^e^ afors^d^ : Samuell potts impeeding his Majestys officers from useing their endeavours to quench y^e^ said fire att its comencing by shuting the gate upon y^m^ and denying them entrance upbraiding them that they came to robe [*sic*] & steale :—the losse of his Majesty in y^e^ afores^d^ houses is two hundred cattes or ten Thousand royalls ℔.

4.

That [his Majesty] invested y^e^ afores^d^: Comp^a^: w^th^: severall pri[viledges] particularly y^t^ of exemption from custom [*a word or two lost*] consideration of y^e^ continuance of their resid[ence] in his Kingdom where by tradeing might be augmented and the subjects of both nations benifitted whereto y^e^ fors^d^: Comp^a^: never provided being often times remiss in supplying their ffactors with affect corresponding with y^e^ [trade] & the evill sorting manufactors: y^t^ appears by y^e^ repeated instances of their servants on y^e^ place and offers made by Oliang Vawn *alias* george White of London in y^e^ behalf of their freinds here to S^r^ Josiah Child Governour of y^e^ aforesaid Comp^a^: principalls in Bantam & Surratt whereby s^d^ Comp^a^ are rendered culpable and not the Kingdom for not corresponding with their desiers in matters of gain whereby his Majesty has been prevented of his due, by custome according to computation to y^e^ amount of five hundred Cattess or twentyfive thousand Ryalls $\frac{s}{s}$.

5.

That his Majestys Ministers dispacthed Thomas Ivatt with sundry affects for sale to fort S^t^ George in order to proceercy [*sic*] of severall peices of Jewells according to sampeles recomending s^d^ Tomas Ivatt by letter to y^e^ Gov^r^: councill of y^e^ aforesaid fort S^t^: George wherein was remitted the whole direction of y^e^ foresaid negotiation to their advice care and freindship representing to y^m^ y^e^ incapacity of y^e^ afores^d^: Thomas Ivatt and those in commission with him in its Mannagment haveing accordingly commanded the said Tho: Ivatt in seipsum not to act any thing that regarded his Majestys affaiers w^th^ out y^e^ approbation of y^e^ aforesaid governours & Councills and to prevent any dispute y^t^ might arise throught y^e^ Neglect of s^d^: Tho: Ivatt in not observeing orders duplicate of y^e^ Instruments dd him, was remitted to the governour &c^a^: Councill aforesaid but these gentilemen contrary to his Majestys Ministers expectation in the place of trustee, to prevent others from abuseing the facillity & Ignorance of y^e^ aforesaid Tho: Ivatt nomina Elihu Yale second of y^e^ government to performe itt to a greater affect y^n^ Possiablely could be done, by y^e^ veriest knave in y^e^ Cloak of a Merchant and trustee on y^e^ place the aforesaid elihu Yale takes y^e^ oppertunity to charge said Tho: Ivatt w^th^: wine and bribes perswadeing him to signe a contract wherein his Majesty was wronged no less then upwards then Nine Thousand Pago^ds^: or eighteen Thousand Ryalls $\frac{s}{s}$ wherein he was byer seller moderator and trustee his Majestys Ministers perceiveing the abuse considered on y^e^ best means to obtain his Majestys right and preserve the [said] elihu Yales reputation and accordingly [*a word or two lost*] Tho: Yale brother to y^e^ s^d^: Elihu Yale to Madd [*a few letters lost*] to desier him to [*a few words lost*] ate s^d^: mistakes of his servants, treating him with a rich vest from [his Majesty] and freindly Letter from his Minister to him and the governour wherein he was requiered to oblige said Elihu Yale to a just complyance in case of a denyall to his brother but all proved of no affect s^d^: elihu Yale pleading the priviledges of his bargain then said Ivatt had no power to contract any thing with our said elihu Yale &c^a^: Councills consent & approbation & was not satisfied onley with y^e^ subterfuge but proceed with ill becoming Language to traduce y^e^ authority and unspotted of his Majesty in his servants whereby his Majestys treasureres were obliged to requier an attachment: on w^t^: was payable to y^e^ aforesaid governour &c^a^ Councill of Fort S^t^: George order, on their hono^ble^: Comp^a^: and their perticular accounts till Satisfaction rendered requiering y^m^ by his Ministers letters to nominat authorise and send a well qallified person, to his royall court, to treat of this matter or what ever motives of greivances y^e^ R^t^: Hono^ble^: Comp^a^: searvants have apprehended th^o^: to no better affect then y^e^ sequell of their diclaration sheweth.

6.

That his Majesty being Justly provocked to take up armes against the kingdom of Golconda, appears by his Majestys declaration dated 21^st^ of y^e^ 2^d^ moone of y^e^ yeare 2228 for redress of y^e^ repeated injures done to his royall authoryty

in traduceing his royall person, abuseing and imprisoning his servants of y^e^ english Nation, whole deserted by y^e^ Comp^as^: Cheifs and Native subjects; by Mahomed Alle Beague governour Metchlepatam, & Mirza Ibrahim Seirkeil late minister of state to y^t^ king; Notwithstanding his Majesty minister repeated remonstrations to Madena y^e^ late director of y^t^ king & kingdom without any satisfaction & order thereto, his Majesty authorised Cap^t^: John Coates William Mallett &c^a^ of their to go and invade the Dominions of y^t^ king with fire and sword possesing themselves with that affects and shipps they should meet with being the said property of y^e^ said king or his subjects, & said John Coates &c^a^ arriveing att Nassapore [*a word lost*] point of y^e^ aforesaid kingdom and proceeding [*a word or two lost*] according as he was comissioned By his Maj[esty] Robert ffreeman Cheife for the affaires of [the] Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ at Metchlapatam and Sam^ll^: Wales [the] Cheif att Madopollam. Thimoty Harris Benjamin Northway and Sam^ll^: Swynocke charles founds jointly conspired to furstrate his Majestys service justly expected from said Cap^t^ John Coates W^m^: Mallett &c^a^ by a protest signed with y^e^ aforesaid names and sealed with y^e^ said Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ seal and delivered to y^e^ said John Coates y^e^ ✠ mo of Xber-1685 Wherin his Maj^ty^ honor reputation and royall authority is traduced in his servants aforesaid being called and warmed [*sic*] in said protest for piratts and robbers.

7.

That y^e^ aforesaid Cap^t^ John Coates W^m^: Mallett &c^a^: being terrified and frighted from their duty and faith engaged to his Majesty contrary to all Justice and example being knavisly lead away by y^e^ afores^d^ Robert ffreeman and Sam^ll^ Walles debauching y^m^ with wine dd first all y^e^ affects amounts to an extraordinary value, and also all y^e^ chests of gold and jewels to a great amo^t^: which y^e^ aforesaid John coates &c^a^ had lawfully possest themselves of in y^e^ shipp Kidderee belonging to y^e^ King of Golcondah and y^e^ shipp New Jerusalem y^e^ property of John d Mark that is manifested in y^e^ aforesaid protest y^e^ said Robert ffreeman not being satisfied with what above said did by his practice prevaile with y^e^ said Cap^t^ John Coates to release unto him y^e^ afores^d^ shipp Kidderee wherein he imedeatly hoisted english colours shewing thereby y^e^ invalidity of their protest of damage in afores^d^ protest confirmed by an originall letter from y^e^ said Robert ffreeman to the aforesaid Cap^t^ John Coates the 22^th^ of ffebruary Anno Dommini 1685.

8.

That the Presidency of Surratt dispatch the ship prudent Mary commanded Samuell Lake to y^e^ port of Crunte prama Henecon to whose barr she arrived August the 19^th^ 1686 imported sundrey affects of his Majesty provided by Benjamine Franklin, at Surratt and Letters from the Hono^ble^ John Child governour of Bombay and president of surratt, to his Majestys Ministers wherein was professed a great Deall of Love and kindness with acknowledgement [*a word or two lost*] received as [appeareth] by its original [*a word or two lost*] said ship was order[ed] to withdrawe the com[pany's] estate and [servants] from his Majestys royall city in order [*a few words lost*] from his Majesty royall city in order to their [*Lacuna in the original*] M^r^ Robert Harbin the aforesaid comp^a^ Cheife upon y^e^ place att his dispeeding from his Majesty acknowledged y^e^ many favours the whole nation trading to his kingdome in generall the hono^ble^ company in perticular had recd from his royall bounty & y^t^ for y^e^ present his Masters were seduced by eveill persons but hoped they would open their eyes and once more returne under y^r^ happy protection of his Majestys w^ch^ heitherto has graciously been pleased to honor y^m^ with suddenly after this the court was by a letter advised of y^e^ evill intentions, of y^e^ aforesaid Sam^ll^ Lake against his maj^tys^: goods and subjects from which he was prevented in manner lade down in relation of y^t^ affaire said Sam^ll^ Lake being arrested before he could answer to what lade to his charge his shipp sailed away and left him here where through his old indisposition he ended his days.

9.

That notwithstanding y^e^ manner of y^e^ proceedings of y^e^ foresaid english east india comp^a^ & their servants in this Orient it's manifest how dement [*sic*] his Majesty hath continued towards their affairs, directed only by y^e^ great esteem that his Royall self & predecessors ever had and have for his Majesty of great Brittaine whose great authority has been sufficiently traduced by y^e^ company comitting their affaires to y^e^ direction of a perticular intrest and unjust animosity: for to his Majestys great admiration certain Notice arrived this court in aprill 1687 wherein was mentioned that y^e^ governour &c^a^ councill of Fort S^t^ George had declared warr against his Majesty, & his subjects w^ch^ suddenly after was confirmed by the news of y^e^ companys shipps seizeing a ship of his Majestys att Bengall being fully Laden with necesaryes & stores for their service of the garrison of Mergen as also a sloop called y^e^ Mary from under y^e^ comand of y^e^ french flagg at pullicherrey his majesty has received no certain account how the aforesaid shipp servants and effects have been proceeded against but certainly advised y^t^ the said governour and councill of fort S^t^ George have treated the latters Company worse y^n^ if they had been taken slaves to y^e^ [most] barborous nation in y^e^ world notwithstanding [*a word or two lost*] were persons y^t^ took his Maj[esty's] ser[vants] with y^e^ aforesaid governments approbation being [*a word lost*] subjects to y^e^ great King of Britaine against whom[*a word or two lost*] supposed that his Majesty of great Brittaines authority does not [*a word lost*] in rgaurd [*sic*] they are not interlopers it cannot be conceived [*a word or two lost*] the justice of his Majesty of great Brittaine could be [*a few words lost*] with to grant authority to Merchants against y^e^ hon [*a word or two lost*] authority of kings, who have cherished a gratfull regard to his royall freindship & amity without first informing himself by his embassadors or letter of request of y^e^ injuries done to his subjects & an absolute denyall of redress.

10.

That y^e^ governour and councill of Fort S^t^ George contrary to all example & right of Nations, armed their ship curtania and y^e^ James sloop y^e^ former comanded by Captain Anthony Weltden and y^e^ latter by Armiger gosline whom arrived at y^e^ port of Mergen in y^e^ month of June and without any regard to his Majestys garrison landed with armed men publishing paperes the first w^th^ this inscription a sumons to all english men in y^e^ king of Syams service & a protest upon their refuseall directed to Rachard Burna[by] governour of Mergen & Sam^ll^ White Shabandar englishmen to whose charge y^e^ province of Tanassary was committed requiering him in their sovereigns Name (wherein they omitted its undoubted dues) and y^e^ aforesaid comp^a^ orders (as if y^e^ former were not of power sufficient to y^e^ subject) to repair on board the curtania frigget cap^t^ weldon commander with his Majesty commission to aid and assist y^e^ aforesaid cap^t^ Anthony weltdon for y^e^ obtaining satisfaction from the king of syam for injures dammages and losses sustained by his cheif minister of state according to a commission directed to y^e^ afors^d^ cap^t^ Weltdon from his Majesty of england w^ch^ requires him to follow w^t^ orders he shall receive from [*Lacuna in the original*] from whence it proceeds to a protest against those y^t^ will not act accordingly whereby y^e^ world may judge of the intentions of Hono^ble^ comp^a^ & their servants y^e^ second joyned with the third was demands upon the king of Syam & Declaration of warr although y^e^ afores^d^ governour had declared warr a considerable time before as appears by their letters to y^e^ french Directore att Pullicherry and how frivilous their pretences laid down in y^e^ fors^d^ papers dd at Mergen relateing to injureis losses and dammages needs no further manifestation then y^e^ governour and Councill of fort S^t^ : George in a generall to one of his Majestys ministers dated y^e^ 4^th.^ of June where treating of removeing their factories saies :—

That w^ch^ at [*a few words lost*] they resent so ill from your honour is y^e^ sending home of Abney the Interloper full lad [*a word or two lost*] or permitting to be so which was again aggravated by sending an embassadour on him, & y^t^ not to our king or themselves but to y^e^ [*a word or two lost*] king which was not the only occation as we conceiv[e] [*a word lost*] y^t^ slight to them when they arrived in england as you have been informed of and att y^e^ same time y^t^ this letter notified y^e^ causes of y^e^ comp^a^

disgust here in england, the same minister was honourd with a gratious letter from his Majesty of great brittaine wherein he was asured of his royall freindship upon all occations w^ch^ might afford not w^th^standing y^e^ endeavours of S^r^ Josiah Child y^e^ Comp^a^ governour to the contrary nevertheless his Majesty to shew the world how sencier his intentions are in y^e^ preservation of pea[ce] and amity has notwithstanding his Just provocations & demands on y^e^ fores^d^ hono^ble^ comp^a^ & their servants enordered Oyea Tanassarey &c^a^ his councill of y^t^ province to move y^e^ said Cap^t^ Weltden to repaire to his royall court, where his Majesty would (upon y^e^ word and honor of a king) render y^e^ afores^d^ Hono^ble^ : comp^a^ and their Servants y^e^ satisfaction y^e^ Justice of y^e^ cause dictated.

And in case of denyall to treat with y^e^ said cap^t^ Weltden or whosoever shall be found authorize by foresaid Comp^a^ or government of Maddrass to y^t^ effect authoriseing y^e^ aforesaid government &c^a^ councill of his royall province Tenassaree in his royall name and behalf, to treat resolve and conclude with y^e^ s^d^ authorised person or persons, and its resulte should be accepted and retified by his Majesty but to his Majestys great regrett by an express arrived from y^e^ aforesaid province, is advised how y^e^ aforesaid Capt Weltden has commenct hostility by seizing those in his Majestys service & breaking down fences or Stockados appointed for y^e^ safegaurd of his Majesty port of Mergen where by y^e^ s^d^ Cap^t^ authority is manifested to be not conformable to w^t^ y^e^ foresaid government of Maddrass has written to his Majesty y^e^ time therein sett not being half expired, this was followed by a second wherein was declared how y^e^ aforesaid Cap^t^ Anthony Weltden sent two Boats who through y^e^ consent of Richard Burnebye Alexander leslie Commander &c^a^ officers of his Majes^ty^ frigatt Resolution mounted with 22 gunns, armes & amunition proportionable and a considerable cargo who was perverted and seduced by y^e^ [afores^d^ :] Cap^t^ Weltden practices and supposed invitation of y^e^ [gove]rnment of ffort S^t^ George, tow^d^ out the foresaid [*a word or two lost*] under frivelous pretences as appears in the [*a word lost*] possessing himself thereof which could have been easily prevented by his Majestys forces there if the regard the governour of the province had to continue the peace had not interposed, which was followed sudenly by a third. wherein the government of y^e^ said province of Tanassaree advised the court of y^e^ fores^d^ : Richard Burneby governour of Mergen & Sam^ll^ White shabandar & controuler of his Majestys rents & eustomes in that province joyning themselves in a treacherous manner with all of the english Nation in his Majestys service in that province (without any cause or reason) to y^e^ foresaid Anthony Weltden &c^a^ of his Company to gather makeing to y^e^ Number upwards of 80 persons and at 12 a clock of night on y^e^ 16^th^ day of the $\frac{2}{3}$ moon last past which is y^e^ $\frac{24}{14}$ of July commenct to play their gunns which they placed in y^e^ foresaid controulers house seated, about 30 fathom distance in order [to be] frighting y^e^ foresaid governour of the province [*a word or two lost*] from their duty whereby they might poses themselves of the place with great facility and at y^e^ same time y^e^ foresaid sloop James belonging to y^e^ Comp^a^ plaid their guns upon the town but y^e^ Allmighty providence who observed the justice of his Majestys cause favoured his armes so as y^e^ distruction of the afores^d^ Rebells in his service with cap^t^ Weltden & Armiger Goslin Commander of the sloop with about 30 of their company and y^e^ possesion of the sloop soon followed.

Wherefore his Majesty dispareing now of any good effect by any further treaty finds himself compell to take up armes in y^e^ defence of y^e^ undoubted & antient prerogative of his throne & person and y^e^ glory and saftey of his ports and subjects, and his Maj^ty^ puts his trust in god who created the heavens earth & sea and what therein contained that he will not faill with his devine assistance in this his Just undertakeing since there is no other left to defend his Majestys Kingdomes and subjects from the artifices of the forsaid company in peace his Majesty has therefore thought fitt and does hereby declare y^t^ he will posses himself on sea or land of all what ever is y^e^ property of the fors^d^ Comp^a^ or their servants whereever his armes can reach on this [side ?] cape Bona esprance.

Hereby commanding all generalls governours and cap^t^ heads and all oth[er o]fficers and all soldiers & mariners his proper subjects or strangers in his service to seize & posses y^m^ selves [of all ships ?] or goods w^t^ ever [which ?] shall be the property of y^e^ Comp^a^ or their servants.

And does forbid upon pain of death that none of his subjects or servants hence forwards shall have any coversation [*sic*] commerce or intelligence with y^e^ foresaid company or their servants directly or underectly without the express orders or consent of his Majestys Minister and to that end his Majesty does from this time forward recall all permissions, passes safegaurds, priviledges, or liberties y^t^ may or have been granted by his Majestys Ministers Goverours [*sic*] & all other officers to y^e^ aforesaid Comp^a^ or their servant and does hereby declare y^m^ void & of none effect forbiding all who ever they be to give not any regard unto them and his Majesty doth further command all his govern^rs^ and captains of ports to aquaint all y^e^ free subjects of his Majesty of great Brittaine or the servants of the foresaid Comp^a^ that are now in his Majestys Kingdom that his Majesty doth declare and give his royall word that all such as shall demean themselv[es] dutifully towards his Majesty and not correspond with his enimies (meaning y^e^ Comp^a^ & their servants) by word or accord shall be safe in their persons & estates & free from any molestation, or trouble of any kind & further his Majesty hereby declares that notw^th^standing y^e^ prosecution of this his diclaration his Majesty will maintain inviobly y^e^ amity & friendship betwixt his Kingdome & those of his Majesty of great Brittaine who is sincerly desired in y^e^ Behalf of y^e^ peace of these originall parts so propitious to y^e^ increase of comerce to putt an end to these disturbances by obligeing the fores^d^ comp^a^ to what the justice of Nations & indisputable R^t^ of Kings require his Majesty commanding all his governours, Oyers Upras, Olvangs, Occenes, Omunes & Cap^t^ heads & all other officers souldiers & Mariners, serv^ts^ or subjects of his Majestys that shall be employed on land or att sea in y^e^ prosecution of this his Majestys declaration meeting with any vessell or barque goods or persons; being the property of y^e^ subjects of england not in y^e^ fors^d^ comp^a^ service not by no means to molest or hinder y^m^ in their lawfull undertakeing but to give them all god [*sic*] treatment accustomed to when there [was no ?] breach with y^e^ fors^d^ company and his Majes^ty^ [*a word or two lost*] requires all y^e^ foresaid Syamers or forreingners [*sic*] & [*a word lost*] other persons whom this may concerne y^t^ they & [*a word lost*] every one of y^m^ do execute what [*a few words lost*].

This being his Majestys pleasure who will that these be published, & affixt in all his garrisons & seaport towns where it's needfull that no man may pretend ignorance thereof, Given & published by his Majestys command at his royall court att levo the 11^th^ of August 1687.

Conimeer May y^e^ 12^th^ 1688.

To the Hono^ble^: Elihu Yale Esquire
president &c^a^ Councill in ffort S^t^ George.

Hono^ble^ S^r^ &c^a^.

Wee have now before us yours of the 3^d^ ultm^o^ and ℔mo Current to which shall give a respectfull reply.

We are heartily glad our endeavours in procuring of a cowl mett with your kind exceptance w^ch^ we shall be sure according to yo^r^ directions to mannage w^th^ that prudence and discretion as not to give offence to y^e^ governm^t^ or putt y^e^ R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ to any unnessecary charge our prat [*sic*] shall only be to defend our honourable Masters charge with our own lives from y^e^ Invasion of rogues and robers of which this countrey now does & is likely still to abound therefore we have taken ashoar those solders you permitted us from y^e^ Rochester, whom with those we had here before, we have brought to y^e^ same termes as att y^e^ fort we likewise rec^d^: 12 gunns 6 Barrells of powder &c^a^ as ℔ receipt gave cap^t^ Bromwell to w^ch^ refer you, and as in this so in all concerns our utmost endeavours shall be used for our Hono^ble^ Masters advantage & your honours &c^a^ satisfaction.

Ship Rochester we dispatcht towards you y^e^ 8^th^ Curr^t^: with the remainder of our goods Amo^t^ to Pago^s^ 8377 : 24 : 04 as ℔ invoice [*a word or two lost*] of Laden y^n^ sent to which we humble refer [you].

Wee heartily congratulate y^e^ safe arrivall of y^e^ ship Kempthorne Chandois, and persia Merch^t^ & y^t^ they came to so good a merkett, pray god continue y^e^ like success to all our Hono^ble^ Masters undertakeings towards y^e^ affecting of with our best endeavours will not be wanting, as they have not now in a vigorous prosecution of yo^r^ comands in y^e^ treaty with our Merch^ts^ about the investment of blew cloth your [*sic*] recommened to us but all our endeavours prove ineffectuall they turning a deaf ear to all our arguments & perswasions saying their loss upon our late investment of course goods is yett to fresh in their Memories to undertake another after y^e^ same kind & y^e^ troubles of the countrey daly encrease they can by no means undertake any such thing & y^t^ they belive our endeavours & intentions are totally to ruine them.

According to y^e^ R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ and your orders we here with send you y^e^ amo^t^ of what wee were indebted being pagodos 1500 which we shall discharge as soon as we are in a capacity.

The Pago^s^ 1000 you sent us have rec^d^ & gave your acco^t^: creditt accordingly, & we are now to desiere another supply o^r^ expences amo^t^ high by reason of our numbers of souldiers & y^e^ charges we are att building conveniences for y^e^ gunns which are of absolute nessesity & are now allmostt finished.

According to your orders of y^e^ 4^th^ mo Curr^t^: wee dd Cap^t^ Bromwell y^e^ Comission you sent, but y^e^ troubles being over before its arrivall thought it not convenient to dispatch him thither but to continue Ladeing our bales w^ch^ we did accordingly & dispatcht him hence on y^e^ 8^th^ & we have been & continue still very watchfull in y^e^ defence of ourselves & y^e^ R^t^ Hono^ble^ Comp^a^ concerns according to your order.

M^r^ Willcox has been for some time much indisposed & is still ill but thanks god much amen'd and hopes now y^t^ some short time will perfect his recoverry which being y^e^ present needfull remaine

P.S.

Please Speedly to send us some paper not haveing any in the factor[y].
The Originall [*a word or two lost*] for o^r^ guns goes here inclos[ed] [*a word or two lost*] As also the copies of our generall Books [*a few words lost*].

Hono^ble^ S^r^.

Your most humble serv^ts^
JOHN WILLCOX.
SIMON HOLCOMB.
JOHN DEVETT.

Translate of a cowl from harje Raja to W^m^ Gifford Governour & Cap^t^ of fort S^t^ George dated y^e^ 9^th^ of 8^ber^ 1684.

Injoy good health & should be glad to hear the like from you I rec^d^ your letter sent by tagapa chitty and have observed the contents thereof & also have been aquainted by him from word of mouthe farther of your intentions; he aquainted me y^t^ you wanted ground to build a house upon as y^e^ Dutch & french have att tevnepatam and pullicherry where you may remaine with a contented heart you may informe yo^r^ self further from tagapa chitty by word of mouth so you may secure your place & rest contented.

Translate of a Letter from Mahomed Seerdeik Seerkeel of y^e^ carnats countrey from Wandawash to the Hono^ble^ Elihu Yale esq^r^ President of fort S^t^ George—No Date.

Injoy good health and should be glad to hear y^e^ like from your honour lately I ordered Oppaugee to take charge of Satta Maucanum country and y^e^ seaports adjacent according to former sallaba[d] therefore I desire you to keep freindship with him & send the usall rent money that you formerly paid the Divan to him who will convey it to me and return you a receipt for itt your honour must all ways be mindfull to forward y^e^ kings as occasion presents which represent you well att court, I need not writte larger only to wish y^or^ [*sic*] allwaies the enjoyment of health.

Translate of a letter from Auppauge Pontula from pullymellee to y^e^ hono^ble^ Elihu Yale President. No Date.

I enjoy good health and should be glad to hear y^e^ like from yo^r^ Hono^r^ w^n^ I was att Maddrass yo^r^ Hono^r^ shew^d^ me a great deal of favour & protected mee which you are sensible of tis so long to mention in letter otherwise y^n^ to desire your hono^rs^ acceptance of my hearty thanks, after I left Maddrass I went to pullicatt & from thence to the camp where the seekeel shewed me a great deal of favour & according to my former agrement gave me this part of y^e^ countrey back again, so I took my leave of him and arrived in Pullemellee, I desier yo^r^ hono^r^ to keep your former favour towards me, & comand me any thing within y^e^ limits of my power, w^ch^ most readyly I shall comply withall. I have ever been ambitious of liveing under your hono^rs^ protection but w^n^ I gett my liveing otherwise tis for your hono^r^ benefitt, your honour may account of me as of your attendants your hono^r^ is a very understanding person & shew kindness to all people & all my sence are continually imployed to do yo^r^ hono^r^ service.

I now desingne [*sic*] to marry my daughter in which i desier your honours advise, seerkeel Mahomed Sadeek, has sent a letter to your honor in which he desiers your honours freindshipp as also to pay w^t^ money you pay yearly to the Divan to me I herewith send his letter to your honour and if you pleas to send me y^e^ money by the maldar I will pass in y^e^ receipt for itt.

I desire your honour to bring these formentioned things to your serious consideration and [*a word or two lost*] me of yo^r^ service.

To the hono^ble^ Elihu Yale Esquire
President & Gouernour &c^a^ Councill
In Fort of [*sic*] S^t^: George.

Cuddalore May y^e^ 15^th^ 1688.

Honor^ble^ S^rs^ &c^a^:

Your honours &c^a^ of the seventh [wee] received the 11 Instant but have not yett had oppertunity to aquaint docter grudgfeild with your order he being at conimeer Occation'd by M^r.^ Willcox and M^r^ Devetts indispositions we likewise take ꝑticular Notice of the good advice you are pleased to give us therein and for the future shall take care to act according to it.

Wee have 75 Bales in our Godowne at Porto nova which according to order shall be shipt off on board the prospect if noe convenyance [*sic*] by any of the R^t.^ Hono^ble^: Comp^us^: shipps offers as also w^t^ we may have embaled here by that time hoping in a few dayes to compleate the investment the Merchants haveing goods an [*sic*] enough allready by them to aeffect it soe there is an absolute occation for a supply of money to y^e^ amount of 30,000 Pag^s.^ at least to pay what we shall be indebted to these Merchants & so hasten the investment in at Porto nova haveing rec^d^ of them to the full amount of the europe goods & money to make an end there likewise in a small time otherwise it must of necessity lye longer in hand which we leave to your honours &c^a.^ consideration and hope by the next oppertunity to receive what wee desire.

Wee h[ave sent] chendra chaceria on [*sic*] of our facto [*a few words lost*] to treat with ceeogus son about y^e^ [*a few words lost*] the Best capacitated to mannage such a bussiness of any we could find a man that is experience in such Negotiations and with out doubt will follow your instructions in every perticulars, we have ordered him to be speedy in his advice as bussiness presents which we shall duely limitt to your honour &c^a^ y^t^ we may not want your better Judgment for the managment of a bussness [*sic*] off such import as this is.

Wee are in great want of Gunneyes those you were pleased to send us last ware most of them rotten & unservisable the Beeswax formerly writte for is not yett come of w^ch^ be pleased to be mindfull and of a supply of goa arrack for the factory expence now there is a goa ship arrived with you at the fort.

Our hired house att Porto Nova is soe ill an accomadation that we are not able to endure it any longer therefor humbly request leave either to build on our factorys ground w^ch^ shall be found absolutly nessecary, or to buy a Dutch house that is offered to sale at 350 Pg^es^ which will aford accomadation enough for us all tis true tis next house adjacent to the dutch factory But hope that will prove no impediment from your hono^r^ &c^a^ the Dutch themselves would hinder us if it should come to knowledge, but we shall take care to prevent y^t^ our Serjant desiers to goe to y^e^ fort for a small time which is all y^t^ wee have att present to advise so crave leave to subscribe

Hono^ble^ S^r^ &c^a^

JOHN NICKS.

RALPH IN̂G[RAM].

SAM^LL^ [SWYNOCKE].

Translate of letter from Cojeeavanes from golconts to the Hon^ble^ Elihu Yale President May y^e^ 3^th^ 1688.

Injoy good health and should be glad to hear the like from your honor I was ready to go to the camp and was upon an agreement with Merchants for bills of exchange which they asked me 3 ℔ cent for if my money was by in the camp but if I had noe occation for it there and rec^d^ it againe in golcondah I must pay six ℔ cent more w^ch^ will be 9 ℔ cent if I have not occassion to make use of it in y^e^ camp, therefore I considered y^t^ would be a great loss to the company in the mean time I rec^d^ advises that the mogull was designed for Poncona cuntrey [*sic*] and that considering my goeing their would signefy nothing therefore remain in golcondah still a few days after I had certaine news that the mogull, was in Vizapoore ffort upon w^ch^ advises I designed to sett forwards towards him but hearing that the savages [*sic*] people plunder'd in the way to him I was fearfull of proceeding but by a pattamar forwarded coppy of a priviledges your honor sent me to ettebar came [*sic*] with a letter also signifying to him that the Right hono^ble^ comp^a^ ware desierous of haveing y^e^ priviledges within mentioned granted desiering him to advise me if the bussiness could be effected on if he would have me come to the camp to which he wrotte me answer that except five or six articles all that was mentioned in list should be granted and if I was willing to agree to it I might come up; but if I understood the Right Hono^ble^: companys mind y^t^ they were not willing [*a word or two lost*] have those five or six articles taken [*a word or two lost*] not give myself the trouble [*a few words lost*] [Moiln^e^]gettee wrotte a letter hither from the camp by which I understand that y^e^ Surratt subadar had wrotte a letter to the generall at bombay and that he came up to swattey [*sic*] where they mett one another & he aquainted him with all the companys bussiness wich the Subadar wrote the Mogull of which when he heard of he was a little angrey but afterwards he sent a Phrimand sealled with his own seal the contents wherof is not publickly known onely that the english are to pay two ℔ cent custome soe soone as I heard this good news I sent a peone directly to your hono^r^.

I heard also that the phrimaund was sent downe by four jorghadarrs and Tasheriphs to Surratt, I hope within a few days peones will come from surratt and that I shall understand the true news, which I will imediatly aquaint your hono^r^ of bussiness happening in this manner I have noe occasion to goe to the camp I am every day awaiting your honours answer into whose hands I shall deliver your money, I am minded to come and see your hono^r^ therefore I desier your hono^r^ speedy answer, how I shall dispose of the money then I shall come downe and see your honor.

I am heartly glad to hear your hon^d^ bussiness goes on so well shewed a list of privililedges [*sic*] you desier to Prohella cawne he told me if that you would sett aside some the rest would be granted. I answerd him I could doe no other wayes then the president of Maddrass order me.

Meerza Jasser divan now here is a very civ [*a few words lost*] man and if your honor [*a few words lost*]hip with him may doe you [*a few words lost*] kindness I should have wrotte you larger about this bussiness but happening in this manner there's noe occasion for inlargment the Peoney that brings this letter I gave one Pago^{e} to and promised him your honor should give him four more if he made hast which your honor may please to pay him, I desier you to send me a speedy answer by the same Peone I have no bussiness here but clearing myself of your honors concerns in my [hand] besides I have been & am still indisposed wth a feavour, therefore desier your speedy answer that I may sett forwards towards you if your honor is minded yet to order [me] to goe to Vizapoore where the camp [*a word lost*] I am still ready being very ambitious as I have allways been to serve you therefore desiere the honor of your honors further commands.

To the Hono^{ble}: Elihu Yale Esq^{r}: Cuddalore May y^{e} 20th: 88.
President & Governour &c^{a} Council.

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

This is only to aquaint yo^{r}: honor &c^{a} that cashua Puntulo is suddanly comeing downe to chellumbrum to make a wedding there for his son for which there is great preparation all over this part of the country and it's certainly expected that we should compleaten [*a few words lost*] journy which cannot be [*a few words lost*] without a present wherefore wee desier you would speedily send us your advises and orders to what amount we may present him, his grandure wee suppose is better known to your honor &c^{a} then we can informe you.

Our Investment here will be finished within 3 [or ?] 4 days more therefore desier you will please to send the money wee wrotte for in ours of the 15th Instant which is all that ofers att present from

Hono^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble Obedient servants

John Nicks.
Ralph Ingram.
Samuell Swynocke.
Robert Cranwell.

To the Most Hono^{ble}: Elihu Yale
Govern^{r}: of Fort S^{t}: George &c^{a}: Council.

With all gratitude I rec^{d}: your assurance done unto me by the letter you have been pleased to honor me with dated $\frac{1}{2}\frac{0}{0}$ Instant, being for to show your good will and inclination for entertaining in those parts of India such muttall correspondance as being trained in europe by our both nations.

Wee hope your honor have the same opinion of us in regard of our effects in many occations and our good care in preventing all controverses against alliance between our royall kings on which wee ought to effect upon but [*a few words lost*] less your honor permitt me to say it [*a few words lost*] to manage us so as we ought [*a few words lost*] Benefitt of our both Nation if your honor & we doth not observe recipricolly a due rule according all dissonnases that might alter our mutuallity wherefore on our side being evident examples viz^{t}., as not suffering the King of syam shipp's in our roade the last year dificultye touching the vessell of M^{r}: Minchens and not admitting your people their departure for syam on our shipps all which being prevented in consideration of the letter sent us by President Gifford, such actions proved much our good being and intention allthough to the contrary can be immagined

and taken for a cowardize our ready admitting of what was wrotte us from Maddrassapatam of this concerne especially when we considered y^e^: actions of the cheifs for the honorable english East India company against us and w^th^: your leave be it spocken, in all contrary to our Just & upright mind but lookeing out oppertunity for to insult them [*a word or two lost*] nation with such an application as we to the contrary endeavour the prevention of controverseis but by them maintained as is apparent that by them being taken a shipp out of our road, Ordered their cap^t^: to visitt our ships, under couler that she pertaines the king of syam as it is happen at atchein likewise few days agoe newly acted: by the cap^t^: of the Rochester who [prevaleing] much our ship called St Luiz [*a line or two lost*] on board all these actions doth shew a bad aspect of union, also cannot be contradicted their Irregularity at porta Nova though they cover their fault forwenting [*sic*] a bad designe against them of shipp uncorcked [*sic*] there w^ch^: is a fowl excuse they should have provided them with other more apparenter then this therefore I doe not belive [*sic*] it is admitting by your honor likewise we approved not the acts of the cap^t^: of the said shipp notwithstanding we are sure of his designe being only for trade and it is very easily to be conceived by impartial Judgment wheather there be any appearance that five or six men should be of mind to fight against a factory gaurded by souldiers under the protection of the native besides it being Port that permitt not a facill retreate in necessity, your honor appoint the adsistant to our nation at S^t^: Thoma in our warr against the king of Golcondah wich we acknowlege but can also say we have endeavoured the recompence of like civility for dureing the warre between us and the said king we could have Justly have hinderd the Manelias Voyage with arresting the shipps that goes under the name of his subjects which being forbeared in consideration of the Intrest of our friends at Madraspatam therefor have provided her with our pasport willingly for their saftey, further an obliged to speak a littel more of this concerne namly that if your honor call to mind [*a word or two lost*] refflection thereof shall conceive [*a few words lost*] present have done our duty in [*a few words lost*] a good correspondancey but if you will continue in that violent acting so as to vissitt our ships we shall be bound to doe the same when we mett your ship of lesser power then ours remaining always free of blame for haveing avoid the begining first of such Irregularity which cannot be exem[^ed^ ?] its advise to our superiors in europe and if your honor being of mind to prevent ill consequence as we are will be very just to advise us of the Article of peace and commerce made between our royall kings how to behave ourselves in y^e^: warre that might raise on our or your sides against other Nations we have the tractate of trade betwixt the french & the Dutch for to regulate us by occation by wich can be decerned all differences, some body assured us to be the same the articles between our both Nations & if your honor do like it shall be provided which one being printed I find myself obliged by all means to labour calculation of freindship which perswades me to offer your honor my humble service & rest

Most Hono^ble^: S^r^

Your Most hum^ble^: & obliged serv^t^:

Pullicherey May the 31^th^: Anno Domini 1688.

MARTIN.

Translate of a letter from Mahom'd Sadesh Ceirheet from Wandawash to the Hono^ble^: Elihu Yale Esq^re^: Govern^r^: of Fort St. George, Noe date.

Injoy good health and should be glad to hear the like from your honor, lately Severall Puramans Merchants & other people have taken protection in Maddrass and directed [*sic*] the divans service I have severall times writte to your honor, to send the mentioned Puramans, who you have not taken care to doe out of your town which is very strange to me since your honor is so foreseeing a man & a well wisher to Divans Intrest always endeavouring to doe them true service your honor has also a perticular

kindness for me because I am civill to strangers all these things considered, I desiere your honor to favour the Divans Intrest and turn all the aforementioned people out of your honors town, especially Madapa to whom I have wrotte to come up to me and make an account so desier your honor not to lett any body hinder his proceedings your honor may asure yourself I shall allway's be a well wisher to your honors Intrest and shall serve you in any of yo[r]. Command [*a few words lost*].

Translate of a letter from Samadee Balagee from Tindavanam to the Hono[ble] Elihu Yale Esq[r] President. Noe date.

Inioy good health and should be glad to hear the like from your honor when you came into these parts to trinamala your hon[r] tooke a chowle from harga Raja for Conimeer &c[a] places Vittula pelly was then shabandar chingoe & ambogee Pontulo under him giveing ambogee a pishcash and some shars in your trade you gott liberty to build a house & you promised the advansment of the divans Customes lately cashawaw Pontulo came by sambogee Rajas order govearn the curnatta countrey who brought along with him new officers and turned all the old ones out your honor is sencible so soon as y[e] mogull had taken Golcondah Cashawaw Pontulo and harga Raja to gather sent severall party to plunder & spoill the countrey towards Conjeveron & those parts times being so troublesome M[r] Willcox at conimeer made Bullwarks against thee divans order & keept the Divan enemys Vealla cashawa naigues people in the fortification and without acquainting y[e] Divans people shipt of goods and p[d] no custom for them and does what ever he pleases wich without my knowledge some people aquainted Cashawaw Pontulo of [*a word or two lost*] for me and asked me for why [*a few words lost*] meer people to mount [*a few words lost*] there and did not writte to him about it soe that he sent me back with 200 horse & 1000 [Maretta ?] who I kept in Tyndewanam and who without peruseing it sent it to me back againe, which occasion a quarrell between us and I had thought of begining but some of my officers advised me to aquaint your honor first which is the reason of my writteing that you advise M[r] Willcox to be obligeing to the divans people, to take down the gunns and act according to the former chowle and not goe beyond it, if yo[r] honor dont mind it we must act according to there deserts from us which yo[r]: honor may asure your self we shall, formerly you bribed ambogee pontula and Intrested him a shear in the trade only for the liberty of building a house, and now without any reason or order why should your people act soe against the divans order, desier your honor to writte a threatning letter to M[r] Willcox and that you would send me you speedy answer, which with wishes for your honors health and Prosperity, I shall conclude soe desiere your honors further commands.

To the Hon[ble]: Elihu Yale Esq[r]
President and governour of
fort S[t]: George &c[a] Councill.

Hono[ble] [*sic*]: &c[a]

This is only to accompa[ny] the bill of Ladeing for what bailes shipt on board the Bona Villa. Y[e] Invoyce thereof and what further shall happen of any more wee will in small time advise which is the needfull at present from

Hono[ble]: S[r] &c[a]
Your most obedient serv[ts]
John Nicks.
Ralph Ingram.
Sam[ll]: Swynocke.
Robert Cranwell.

Translate of a letter from Mahomeed Sadeek from Wandawash to the hono^{ble}: Elihu Yale Esquire. Noe Date.

Inioy good health & should be glad to hear the like from your honor, I rec^{d}: your letter and have observed its contents, Your honor wrotte me that by reason of the trouble of the country your honor protected the Divans servants and Merchants your honor is desierous of serveing the great [*a word lost*] and so are all his servants [*a few words lost*] in an excuseing manner [*a few words lost*] that he cant come up by reason [*a few words lost*] boyles upon his body its true he cannot stir but that will not hinder him from receiveing and Reading mine and attamatows since Madapa owes money the divan what authority his [*sic*] he to sett downe and take protection from the divans it is my opinion that all people in the world—and my freinds should be in the kings favour and Increase and not their honor [*Lacuna in the original*] themselves therefore I aquaint your honor of it. If you can now send Madapa to the camp well and good if not use your honors pleasure for I shall not (I take god to wittness) write any more to your honor, for twill be a trouble to if my expectations are not answered.

To the hono^{BLE}: Elihu Yale Esq^{R}:
President and governour &c^{A}: councill in Fort S^{T}: George.

Cuddalore y^{e} 1st of June 1688.

Hono^{ble}: S^{rs}: &c^{a}:

Your honor &c^{a} of the 23 past we have received, with the Invoyce inclosed of w^{ch} consigned to us by sloop [*Lacuna in the original*] Which we shall mannage the most we can for our honorable masters advantag but could heartily wish it had been to a greater amount our debt being soe great to the Merchants here that we fear you will be [*a few words lost*] carry on bussiness at Porto Nova [*a few words lost*] be pleased to be [*a word or two lost*] mind [*a few words lost*] soon as a fresh supply arrives for it is very [probable] we might finish the [investment] their withing the limitted time if they ware a little more encouraged with ready money, but in the mean time, we shall press them to advantage towards it by all the encourageing arguments we can use, we are sure a [*sic*] each place they have had your full proportion if not more of the europe goods as your honor &c^{a} may see by the account herewith of what delivered to and received from them, as we also send y^{e} coppy of contract made by M^{r} John davis &c^{a} with tne cuddalore and Porto Nova Merchants, which they say they are obliged to observe and will not condesend to any more proposialls about the intrest due to them which they did when the cheif arrived here but your honor &c^{a} are Judges of them on both sides and wee will see your honnors orders therein fullfilled as soone as you shall please to remitt them to us.

The generall Bookes are not yett finished which the booke keeper sayes are impossiable to gett ready to goe home except he has assistance capacitated for such work, the various hands there have passed through haveing caused such errors through negligance of some and incapacity of others that it will be allmost impossable [*a few words lost*] them to a Ballance.

Wee [*illegible*] have and shall continue to take care what blew cloth we receive [which] we are sure is better died then formerly and hope it will meet with acceptance accordingly at home.

Wee cannot perswade our Merchants to any new muster, but according to the old they have promised to bring in 100 Bales by the 20th of July and cannot with safety passe your words for more by reason of the shortness of time and want of materialls by them for the worke, but these one condition, to have noe europe goods imposed on them but to be paid in ready money which if cannot be agreed soe they desier to be excused the dutch are likewise are makeing great provisions of long cloth in these countreys which makes it now harder to be procured then it was a small time since.

Cashua Pontuloes Journey to chellumbee is quite laid aside occationed by a difference between harga Raja and him soe that he has taken up his residence at chengy not thinking it safe to trust Harga Raja there in his absence.

There was an english Pyratt att Trimliwas and about 20 of y^r^ men runn away desiering [to] goe to the mogulls camp and in [*a few words lost*] wide of us of which haveing [*a few words lost*] to perswade them to come in [*a few words lost*] would not give credit to our promises soe whent forward on theirs but wee suppose you will have had a large account of theirs att conimeer.

The Merchants comeing to receive the corrall that was sent for them on ship loyall adventure we find a great difference in the chests between the weight here and what they are invoyced att, four chests Noumber [*sic*] five is said to containe four hundred and eighten [*sic*] pound nett and holds out noe more then four hundred, and chest N^o^ Six is said to containe but two hundred and [eight] and we find it to hold out three hundred and ninety eight and a half which we suppos may be an error in transcribing from the Originall Invoyce, what further offers worthy your Notice we shall in a short time advise soe for the present crave leave to subscribe

Hono^ble^ S^r^ : &c

Your Most Obedient Serv^ts^

JOHN NICKS.
RALPH INGRAM.
SAMLL : SWYNOCKE.
ROBERT CRANWELL.

Postscript

Just now I reed a letter from cashva Pontulo which is only a comple^nt^ : to invite to the weding of his son the same he has likewise sent to the Dutch.

Idem

Also rec^d^ a letter from the Braminy we sent to [*a word or two lost*] which we send [*a few words lost*] your honors [*a few words lost*].

Idem

Translate of a letter from shand[rapal] To M^r^ John Nicks cheife for the affairs of the Hono^ble^ : East India Comp^a^ att Cudalore Dated y^e^ 29^th^ of May 1688.

After I tooke my leave of you I arrived att chitteberum [*sic*] where one of ecogees friends treated me very civiley and wrotte a letter to goundaraw desiering him to treat the english egib with more Respect then either the Dutch or french after which I took my leave of him and arrived at Sheale where I was kindly rec^d^ and well accomadated, and I delivered goundarow the letter you sent to him and told him nessecary about our bussiness to which he answered noe that the ffrench and dutch ware contriveing to have caracullachery fort, and had been att great expences Maha Raja has not yett concented, but if Maha Raja designes to dispose of it we shall have it before any body and if you are minded to have seaports you should have them upon the same account as the dutch have.

When Maha Raja came to Trivaloor by the commissarys order one of the Dutch Bramenyes went to him with a great Present and afterwards he contrived the Bussiness [*a word or two lost*] to gett him to his house where [*a few words lost*] 1000 Pag^s^ and desiered [*a few words lost*] dutch might have ffactoryes [*a few words lost*] Trimlawash, Carracal, Addrampattnam & Carraccalla chery fort and build godowns in deatoo Peata then he would give him 7000 Pag^es^ to which Maha Raja answered him he could not give him the fort but they might build ffactorys in the other Places as Maha Raja ordered, and they might keep a head black Merchant and 20 Peones there and they might trade in what they Pleased, In this manner the Brameney took a cowle and return to Negapatam and aquainted the comissary who was not satisfyed

with this but sent another Brameney to gongadra Pontulo who wrote to Maha Raja and orders for one white man to be in a ffactory but the comissary was not satisfeyed with this the Dutch have spent 2000 Pago^{ds} & are still contriveing to obtaine there desier.

The french sent to Maha Raja by one Muddalare desiering they might have Trimlewash at Rent who spent them 1000 Pago^{ds} and where as the Divans [Reckoned] to be about 6000 checcares yearly they Promised to give 12,000 checcares yearly if they would lett them have the fort but Maha Raja did not concent to it soe the person they imployed returned to them againe afterwards they sent Martta Brameny who sta[id] six m° but returned without doeing any things now they have [*a few words lost*] dubash colandapa with a great [*a few words lost*] & great state & he is now at [*a few words lost*] a place called Cheall & [*a few words lost*] from the [Seer] lascar in the Galcondah Government to take possession of tindivanam &c^{a} ajacent townes amongts [*sic*] w^{ch} he clames this as one and in order ther to sent us a letter he had procured from the said Seer lascar requiring us to permit him to set up the Moguls Colours and tye up leaves in the streats to signifie before all the people their subjection to the Mogolls Goverment [*sic*] Commanding us likewise to pay our Customes and the revenue of the twone to him of which when we had seriously considered we though fit to return him for answer that his wisdom certainly informed him he could not expect any such things from us for if we should offer to doe it he might hearafter [*sic*] jusly [*sic*] accuse us for our treachery but if his armes should prove soe successfull as to make firm conquest on the Chingie Country we should be as willing to serve and premote [*sic*] his Divans interest as now we doe this under whome we live Wee shall study to carry ourselves as equall to boath sides as we can well kowing [*sic*] of the ill Consequences that may otherwise ensure on our affaires from either if we should give any cause for disgust.

Our servants sent up to the Pyrates men are now returned by whome they sent us word that they have listed themselves into the Mogulls servise at 8 pag^{os} : ℔ mensem sallary each which maintains them hansomely wth : all necessarys and besides are in good esteeme amongst the people but notwithstanding all this if we will send them their pardons signed by your hon^{r} &c^{a} they will promis immedyatly to come downe to us all w^{ch} : we leave to your hon^{rs} : &c^{a} consideration and at present take leave to subcribe [*sic*] ourselves

Hon^{ble} : Sr &c^{a} :

Your most obedient Servants

JOHN NICKS.

SIMON HOLCOMBS.

JOHN DEVETT.

May it Please your hon^{r}

Were I not in Duty bound yett y^{e} Obligations nighly Commands me to give your Hon^{r} : an acc^{t} : of our tedious and troblesome passage which tooke its inition & Basio the 11th in a Violent ffrett of wind that put us under a maine Corse for 2 how^{rs} : and thereby drove us out of soundings which Could not seize againe til the 28th being forced into y^{e} [Leeward] and foursscore leages to the Estw^{d} of Madras I am [*a few words lost*] the time I never met with more trouble ha [*a few words lost*] suits of sailles from spreets^{es} to Mizon ; [*a few words lost*] hard Gailes Thun[der] Ligh ing [*sic*] [*a few words*] *lost* of our time but to each [*a line or two lost*] Hon^{r} to have in remembrance according to the Wontee [*sic*] Goodness him that is [to] the utmost of our Power.

Your Hon^{rs} : most humble

& Obed^{t} Serv^{t} :

Trincombar
July the 3^{d} 1688.

WILLIAM PERSE

To the Hon^ble: Elihu Yale Esq^r. Fort S^t. George 17^th July 1688.
Presid^t & Governour of
Fort S^t George & c^a: Councell.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a

Whereas there is near the one halfe of the lead brought out ℔ our ship The princess of Denmark remanining [*sic*] still undelivered into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^as: Warehouse Yo^r hon^r &c^a: has ordered me to give the reason why the said lead is not delivered according to Tennor of the Bill of laiding to w^ch: I humbly make request to your hon^r: &c^a.

That our ship, if we should discharge the lead remaineing on board would be so light that she would not be saileable except your hon^r &c^a will ℔mitt our stay to take in sand from the shore to make her draw more water to stiffen her to bear sail w^ch: sand in getting on board will require a longer time then the season will ℔mit your hon^r: &c^a haveing ordered sayling w^th: all expedition for Vizagapotam and the Bay of Bengala I also humbly declare to yo^r: Hon^r: &c^a: that all the lead w^ch was shipt on board in England was designed to remain as cantlidge except your hon^r &c^a should find occasion to the R^t: hon^ble: Comp^as: advantage and if it ware not delivered ashore in India but remaned in our ships until our returne to England that then my oners ware pay and alow to the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^as forty shillings ℔ tunn for the loane of the s^d lead the terme of our voyage w^ch: agrement past at gener^ll: Coar [t] but by w means the accomptant [Generall] I am sure must be by his [*a few words lost*] the s^d: lead into the bill [*a few words lost*]joice I judge the bill [*a line a two lost*] soe I humbly request your hon^r &c^a to permitt the lead that still remaines abord might be Continu'd in our shipp to Bengalla and if demand there by the R^t Worp^ll: Agent &c^a I shall w^th all readiness deleiver it and there take care if noe kentledge Goods be put a board us to Ballance our ship and make her saileable one thing more I request that your hon^r: &c^a: will be pleasd to Examinge the Invoice of said lead your hon^r: &c^a will find the weight of the lead is very nere the proportion of Kentledge of 16 ℔'er sent [*sic*] w^ch: the R^t hon^ble: Comp^as: by Charty [*sic*] party is obliged to supply us with the weight of w^ch lead if your hon^r: &c^a finding it to come near the proportion of our Kentledge will conferme, hope to your Hon^r: &c^a truth of what I have allready about the agreement w^th: your the R^t Hon^ble: Comp^as: and my Owneres I remaine

Hon^ble S^r: &c^a.
Your most hum^ble: & Obed^t: Serv^t.
Jos^a Haddocke.

To the Hon^ble: Elihu Yale Esq^r. Conimeere the 16 July 1688.
President & Govern^r: &c^a: Councell [*sic*]

Hon ^le: S^r: &c^a:

Since our last we have receiv'd severall letters from Grimoge Pontulo and messages Containing many threats if we doe not satisfie his covetous humour w^th: Pag^ds: 500 in mony to defray his charges w^th: a good Tasharife besides in severall rareties which he hears are in Twon [*sic*] and quiately [*sic*] permit the Mogulls Flagg to be set up which otherwise he intends to doe by force tho we blive he will be cautious how he comes in reach of our Gunnes but may clandestinly set fire on the Town to prevent w^ch we keep as good watch in the nigh as we are able to make but w^ch: is much to be admired as the Morattes make noe pro[voc]ation to hinder the enemy from entering [*a few words lost*] Frontiers which he has given them oper [*a few words lost*]and burn sum [*sic*] small villages [*a few words lost*] Sounde Bollojee lies sculking [*a few words lost*] may be more to contrive [*a word or two lost*] to make any op[posi]tion against [*a few words lost*] they can be [*a few words lost*] we shall be as quiet which desire lyou'd pleas to Consider whether it may not be effected by your hon^r: &c^a letter to the Seer lascar by whose orders and permission Grimoge acts for if he continues thus neighbouring

on us it will be a great hindrance to our bussiness & the Merch^{ts} will be affraid to adventure there mony or othe [*sic*] affect up in the Country for provision of goods in the mean time we shall be studying what is most expedient to be done but must cheifly depend on your [hono^{r}] instructions & orders therein.

Herewith we send the Porto Novo Merchants Acco^{t}: Currant the Ballance thereof they desire you will please to send next opportunity as also we must desire a farther supply for our ffactory expences haveing at present but a small stock by us.

Be pleas'd asson as possible to send us some English steelle to men our fire locks that the Country affords proving insufficient for such uses which is all at present we have to advise soe subcribe.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r} &c^{a}

Your most Obed^{t}. Servants

JOHN NICKS.

SIMON HOLCOMBE.

JOHN DEVETT.

P.S.

Wee have just now rec^{d}: advice from our spie Bramine we keep near Grimoge to observe his Motions that there are some horse set out of Chingie & likewise Kisnojee Sinda whome Grimoge has routed at Tindivonam recruted himself and were intented to fall on him w^{ch} it probably may be true because we have found him longer then ordnary silent what the Concequense thereof may prove shall advise as soon as have true information.

JNO: NICKS.

S. HOLCOMBS [*sic*].

JOHN DEVETT.

To THE HON^{BLE}: ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}. Conimeer 21th July 1688.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

Hon^{ble} S^{r} &c^{a}

This is to accompany the Acco^{t}: Currant of this Factory and to advise the Gen^{ll}: Books are Ballanced which hope likewise to forward to you in a short time.

Wee are still as quiet heare w^{ch}: Confermes what we advised in our last of the forces set out from Chingie and Grimoge has remov'd his Camp into the Golcondath Countrey wh is [*sic*] what we have at present needfull to advise soe subcribe our selves.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r} &c^{a}:

Yo^{r}. most Obed^{t}: Serv^{ts}.

JOHN NICKS.

SIMON HOLCOMBE

JOHN DEVETT.

To the Hon^ble Elihu Yale Esq^r.
President and Governour &c^a Coun^ll.

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a

Being designed to Trencmale for fitting the ship Rochest in order to the taking in leading of goods for the R^t Hon^ble: English East India Company acco^t: for Europe at this port by the time her Charter party is expyerd I therefore desire your Hon^r &c^a would be pleas'd to pay me the 2000 Doll as by Charter party is agreed upon for that purpose w^th: out w^ch I shall not be able to proceed on the designe but am in hopes w^th: assistance to gett her ready fitted and into this roade by the time limited which I question will be to the profit and advatage [*sic*] for the R^t Hon^ble: Comp^as and Owners of the said ship to the satisfaction of your Hon^r: &c^a Councill w^ch is the hearty desires of your Hon^r most

Humble Servant

To Command

John Bromwell.

To the Hon^ble Elihu Yale Esq^r — Conimeer the 28th July 1688.

President & Govern^r &c^a Councell.

Hon^ble: S^r &c^a.

Your Hon^r &c^as. of y^e 20 instant we have receved the 23^d: and in hast dispatcht away your orders to M^r Ralph Ingram &c^a about Codalour and Porto Novo Factorys injoyning a due observance thereof in all perticulars but as yett have not received any advise from them of what they have done therin but expect it now in a small time and hope they will not meet with noe obstructions from the Goverment [*sic*] which if they should we will endevour [*sic*] smooth up as well as we can we also take good notice of what you are pleas'd to order in this Factory & at the end of the Month shall turné out all our supernumerary Peons reserving only just soe many as shall be absolutely nessesary to attend the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^as: buissiness as it is now and if any of our Topas solders [*sic*] can be spear'd we will retrench that charge likewise and be as frugall as possible in all our other expence Wee now howrly expect the Bengall Merch hearing she was some time since arrived at Porto Novo for whome we are in readiness haveing finshed [*sic*] the old Contract and shall soon dispacth [*sic*] her from hence when she arrives soe we have little else at present to doe but to wait your commands to treat about a New Contract in w^ch the Codaloor and Porto Novo Merch^ts would be willingly enployd being very urgent w^th: the Cheif when he came away from thence to represent their case to your Hon^r &c^a that having for some years past serv'd the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^as: they hoped they should not be forgot and ware ready to the best of their power and abillity to negotiate the Comp^a: affaires at Conimeere as well as at those places they now reside in.

Wee shall be very cautious in what we act between [this] Government and tother but we are [*a few lines lost*] our businesse quietly but their chefest designe is to rob & plunder the Merchants who if they cannot [*sic*] safety and protection under us will rather desert then increace the Twone w^ch now daly growes more numerous nither doe we permit this Divans people that goe roving and plundering their one Twones and [*sic*] come near us who now are soe civill if they have occasion to pas by as to send and desire our permission and if we should be more kind to the other party would be the readyer way to exasperate them against us and occasion the renewing of the old quarrels about our Gunes [*sic*] w^ch: from considerable time has laine Dormant.

Wee desire youl pleas to be mindfull of sending us medicines and a surgeon as soon as one presents our men dayly falling down and noe remady to be had heare.

Wee have forwarded the pardon to those men that left the pyrate but thought it best to send it as privately as we could and not to write a letter to that avaldar being sertainly informed that if he should know thereof he would certainly impead there coming down as soon as they arrive here wee shall take care to send them forward to the Fort.

Wee are very ready to serve the widow Willcox in anything retaing [*sic*] to the concerne of her late deceased husband here of w^ch^: she know anything to be standing out on Acco^ts^: which any hear she would doe well to advise and we shall use our best industry to give her a sattisfactory and faithfull Acco^ts^: thereof.

Wee must of nessity [*sic*] desire you would pleas [*sic*] to send us another Factor & provissions the Goa rack last sent most part sower and good for nothing the rest all gone as allsoe some Inck paper &c^a^: nessaryes for our writing business which is what offers at present from

Hon^ble^: S^r^: &c^a^:

Your most Obed^t^: Serv^ts^:

JOHN NICKS.

SIMON HOLCOMBE.

JOHN DEVETT.

To THE HON^BLE^: ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ Conimere y^e^ August 1688.
PRESID^T^: &^c^ GOVER^R^ OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE &C^A^:

Credit me Hon^ble^ S^r^ among all the Vecissitudes misfortunes & Calamities unkind Fortune or my ill fates ware ever pleased to burthen me with none ever struck soe deap a wound in my breast as this present the lying under yo^r^ Hon^rs^: heavy wrath & displeasure as I am sensible I doe both from private hands & your Hon^rs^: &^ca^: Generall rec^d^ last night I protest before God & your Hon^r^: & which I am ready to deposite an oath y^t^: w^t^: I acted for the Widow Willcox was by her desire & w^th^: as much sencerity & dilligence as if she had been my owne mother that I committed not a paper to the flames but I acquainted her with the import of and by her request being insignifycant not amounting to one Cash value that all acco^t^: papers &c^a^ w^ch^: had any thing of importance according to her desire were remitted her &c^a^ that to the best of my noledge not one fannam of her deceased Husbans Estate for whome I had that respect as if he had been my father has been imbezled or disappers for want of his Dilligence this if your Hon^r^ shall thing fitt I will take my oath of & am heartily sory that my actions w^ch^: God nowes was design'd the best should meet w^th^ soe bad a Construction to troble yo^r^: Hon^r^ w^th^: Jausoloieges & long stories I know will be but impertinant & impeade yo^r^: more weighty affaires therfor all I shall further add is to comit my self to your Hon^r^ mercy imploring yo^r^ accustomary favor as formerly & that you will not cancell me out of the number of yo^r^: Serv^ts^: for an occasion tho I find rash yet design'd well but impute it to my Ignorance w^ch^: I hope yo^r^ hon^rs^: Goodness will excuse wishing yo^r^: Hon^r^ all health and happiness in this world and w^th^ Eternall happiness in the world to Come I most submissiv'ly subcribe [*a word or two lost*]

S^r^:

[*A word or two lost*] faith^ll^: Serv^t^.

SIMON HOLCOMBE.

Conimeere the 7th Augst 1688.

To the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr
President & Governor &c. Councell.

Honble Sr &ca.

Wee have now your Honor &ca. of the ☿ mo. Instant to give answer to wch: we shall respectfully doe and according to your order have wrote to Mr Ingram to agree wth Capt: Inglish about carring our bales to the Fort wch is but a small number haveing noe more then 33 in our godownes wch are the conclusion of the old Contract as you may pleace to see by the Merchts accots here enclos'd soe that now we have nothing to doe till we receive your farther orders about makeing a new one for wch these Merchts: together wth: the Codaloor & Porto Novo are here in a readiness.

Hearwith [*sic*] we send the Invoise of what goods laden on the Bengall at Porto Novo as also a letter from that avaldor to us requireng a Pilot and Pasport for a ship of the Divans that is newly fitted for a voyage wth many other things to wch we know not how to give an answer till we receive your orders therabout wch: shall be punctually performed as shall also your direction of an equall carrage betwen the Morteas [*sic*] and Mors with nither of wch: for a considerable time have we been any way molested and hope soe to continue.

Six of the Pyrater men are come down to us who desire [*sic*] the rest will in a short time follow we now forward 5 of them to the fort the other is soe weake wth a flucks that he is not able to travile but shall proceed asson as he is able.

According to your order we have examind the Gentelman of this Factory concerning Mr John Willcox estate Books papers &ca whose answer therto goes here inclos'd to wch: be pleas'd to be refered.

Wee have retrencht our charge here of sould[iers and] Peons as much as we can concurrently at pres [*a word or two lost*] shall not keep any more of either in [*a word or two lost*] that shall be obsolutely nessesary but they [*a word or two lost*] at Coodaloor dischard all their Peo [*a few words lost*] well doe it till they have [*a few words lost*] Compas: concernes there wch: [*a few words lost*] subject to the ab[sence] of those people we [*a few words lost*] Inglish will tak [*a few words lost*] a board and [*a few words lost*] reduce themselves you are pleas'd to allow.

Wee have now a great Charge of the Accot: Cattle occasion'd by the Horse which belong'd to Codaloor Factory one whereof we have sold and shall likewise sell the rest as fast as we can find buyers they are extremely high priz'd and not one that is worth haff his first cost but we shall endevour to dispose of them to the most advantage which being all that we have at present needfull to advise crave leave to subcribe

Honble: Sr: &ca
Your most Obedt: Servts:
John Niks. [*sic*]
Simon Holcombe.
John Devett.

To the Honble: Elihu Yale Esqr
President & Govrner &ca. Councell.

Conimeere the 31th: July 1688.

Honble: Sr. &ca.

Our last was of the 28th: Instant and 30th the Bengall arrived here but soe full wth paddy and the Goods she took in at porto Novo that she would not receive any more then 12 Bailes from the Factory of wch we now send the Invoice and bill of lading togather wth: the bill of Lading of wt ship a board att Porto Novo of which they have not sent us the Invoice as yet shall send it forward as soon as arrves. [*sic*]

Cap^{t}: Peirce has not taken in the R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: remains at Codaloor as we expected having wrote to M^{r} Ingram &c^{a} to lade them on board wherefore with Submission to any Counter order of yours we thought it very convenient to write to Cap^{t}: Edward English to take them in who we understand in a few dayes does intend to sail from Porto Novo for Madras and may land them here in this way as also if you aprove thereof may take in the remaining part of our goods for the Fort for [*a word or two lost*] we know of noe other oppertunity from the [*a word or two lost*].

[*A word or two lost*] in great want of Terpa [*a few words lost*] goods in shiping of w^{ch} often [*a few words lost*] by the sea & put us to the [*a few words lost*].

Wee desire you would pleas to be mindf[ull of our] former request for a supply of mony for the Factory Expences our Cash being totally exhast'd and not sufficient to pay off the Peons &c^{a} discharged out of these three sev^{ll} Factorys besides the Custome' we owe the Divan at Porto Novo for the goods last shipt off about which they are clamorus and if not speedyly paid will be farther troublesome to our people there w^{ch}: being the needfull at present we take leave to Subcribe

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most Obedient Servants
JOHN NICKS.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
JOHN DEVETT.

Translate of a letter from Satogee Pontulo Porto Novo Subader to M^{r} Ralph Ingram dated the 4th: Aug^{t}: 1688.

Injou [*sic*] good health and should be glad to hear the like from you Maha Raja has ordered me to send a ship to Atchen Manilla and qudda and other Ports to bring ellifants horses and severall fine goods therefore I desere you to send your Coulours your people and a pasport and what wages you would have them alowed I will pay them Maha Raja ordered me to write to you this letter therefore I write I desire you to send the Coulours men and Pas soe soon as you can for the ship will be dispached in fifteen dayes tyme I shall not enlarge ffurther at Present to write your answer and future Commands.

To THE HON^{BLE} ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} &C^{A} COUNCELL.

Fort S^{t}: George Aug^{t}· 13th 1688.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Wee the Subscibers [*sic*] Execut^{rs}: of the least will and Testan^{t}· of Cap^{t}: Roberts Arbuthnett lately decsed haveing advice of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} Comp for his good service in Bengall Expidition have sent him a Remembrance for his Vallour Conduct and good Cour [*a word or two lost*] doe humbly begg of your Hon^{r} &c^{a} Cou [*a few words lost*] of his poor relations hee has left behind [*a few words lost*] mbrance may bee delivered to us for the [*a few words lost*].

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
most humble Servant[s]
JOHN BROMWELL.
JOHN POWNSE [*a few letters lost*]

Noble Lord

The Servants from your lordshipp has dell^{d}: me a very loveing letter dated the 14 July 1688 we belive old stile or otherwise the 24th: D^{o}: in Fort S^{t}: George.

Our intentions wee came by land to Pollic^{tt}: we judged it our duty if we had pased by Madrass to come and ꝑsent our service to your Lordship but though the inconvenience of the wayes ware hindred therefore were nessesitated to take our voyage by water.

The good understanding there is between his Majesty of Great Brittian and the high and Mighty obliges us their servants frindly to use the English and when occasion is to help and assist them wherein on our parts we have and are allwaies ready and since a shipp of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: English East India Companys is observed by your Lordshipp to be soe disabled that it cannot be repared butt in the Port of Trinconomala your Lordshipp request is granted not doubting your Lordshipp will give such orders to the officers of the shipp that our good intentions may not be hindred it being observed that the officers and servants of a shipp are not allwayes the wisest often times giveing occasion of much trouble what concernes the subjects of the Nederlance Comp^{as}: and the ord^{rs}: we have giveing them are here inclosed unsealed in the duch tongue for the observation wishing an opertunity of securing your Lordshipp further God preserve your Lordshipp remaine

Y^{r}: obedient Servant
J. V. Reede.

In the Fort Geldria at Pollicat
July the 27 1688 S: N: P: S:
Because the name of the Capt^{a} and the shipp is unknowne to us please to put it into our Duch letter ware their is left a blank for it.

Most Noble and Respected Lord

S.R.

The Command^{r} Johannes Bacherus and the Chif of the Northern Factory of Ma[dapoll^{m}.] Van Deilen with four officers [*a few words lost*] hereof are expressly sent to [*a few words lost*] hands and to give you [*a few words lost*] our Lordshipp lattely [*a few words lost*] to vissitt us also to assur [*a few words lost*] of the respect I bare [*a few words lost*] shipp service. Praying God for your prosperity and good health remaine

Noble & respected Lord
Your Lordships most
Obedient Servant
J. V. Reede.

Pallicatt in the
Fort Geldria the
6 August 1688.
S.N.

Translate of a letter from Mahahdodgee neick Pawnasauhullee to the Hon^{ble}: Elihu Yale President and Governour of Fort S^{t} George without Date.

I enjoy good health and should be glad to read the like from you [*sic*] Hon^{r} and as your [*sic*] has alwayes been pleased to favour me with your frindship and kindness which has encouraged me to the fitting out a shipp which lyes now ready att Porto Novo so I hope your hon^{r}: will not be bacwards [*sic*] in procuring me an able Eng^{l} Cap^{t}: and pylate to saile therein elce the approching Monson must detaine her for her intended voyage which request next my respects is the cheifly the import of these I designe to send for Elephants for my Sons which if they arive in season will be very acceptable I am giveing to understand from the avaldar of Porto Novo that your Hon^{r}: has often as required assisted the Divans shipp which I heartilly rejoyce at and if for the future the Valdavors shoud require your Hon^{rs}: assistance of the Divan about the ship I desire your Hon^{r}: to continue your favour towards him and send by the first oppertunity what desired as above which will be a great engagem^{t}: to me & remaine as obliged to be.

To the Hon^ble: Elihu Yale Esq^r
President & [Govern^r]
&c^a Councell.

Conimeere Aug^t: 11^th: 1688.

Hon [*a word or two lost*].

[*A few lines lost*] of whom we have noe bad character [*a word or two lost*] but [*a word or two lost*] have observed find him to be a very civill deserving [*a word or two lost*] and well enough capacitated for [*a word lost*] Imployment the Divans People stay hear in expectation of answer to their request which we [tel] them your Hon^r &c^a will send in a short time This being what offers at present we subscrribe [*sic*]

Hon^ble: S^r: &c^a:
Your most obed^t Serv^ts
John Nicks.
Simon Holcombe.
John Devett.

[*Another copy of the following letter occurs on pages* 195–199 *of the original volume. Additions and corrections taken from the latter are in square brackets.*]

To the Hon^ble: Elihu Yale Esq^r. President
of the Coust of Cormandell and Bay of Bengall &c^a:,
& to the Councill att: Fort S^t. George.

Your hon^rs: &c^a of the 2^d of Feb^r: last was [rec^d] by the Conveyance of the Reverend Padres w^ch after ℔usall was transmitted to his Exc^lly: our Generall that at the Rivers mouth these your Hon^r: will recive by returne of the said Convey^ce: by w^ch: [ac]cept the following breeif acc^tt: of affaires & occurrance here.

The 25 feb^r: his Exc^lly arrived att this Rivers mouth in ship Ceaser [*sic*] according to an Invitation & Cole name [*sic*] sent him from the Nabob Mustier Cawn 25 Dec^br: our ℔S^t: Gov^r: being Impowred [by the King] to treat with him at first there was severall persons sent to him to desire him to goe into Sw^a: hole that he might be somwhat nearer and a more Easy access had to him for the better Carring on of the treaty w^ch was concented to by his Exc^lly soon after he was their the Nabob w^thout any advice or knowledge from us or any of our broackers or servants sends downe his Sonne in all hast in great state to meett the Gene^ll w^ch precipitate action gave us the first intimation that there is [*sic*] intentions ware not faire after his arrivall there nothing would satisfie [*a few words lost*] the Gen^ll must Come on shore to [*a few words lost*] they Call the Nabobs [to please him] soe far as Hono^ble: [There was severall fair] propositions [made of metting with an equal number of men, but their was still no fair compliance theirw^th: on their sides w^ch: treated more and more jealousies in soe much it was very plain that nothing would serve their turns but the Gen^ll:] must deliver himself to the Nabob with many fine promises that [all our] affairs should soon be accomodated at last [the Generall concented to another rencounter with the] Cawn at his own tent w^ch by agem^t: should be the only tent upon the plane & the vocanavist was to Come on board to bring the Gen^ll: to him but they Carried their affairs soe that those on board the Genr^ll ware dissatissfied in their proceedings however the ^mo March B: Harris being then w^th: the Genr^ll was sent on shore to bring of the vocanavist & his Exc^ll & all his gard was ready when all of a suddin upon the intimation giveing him the Cawn Packs up and Mercheth away manfully Carring w^th him our two Banian Broakers in great tryumph to Surrat making great noise that the Gen^ll: was [minded] to take the Cawn and make him a Chistien this great pretended afront at the Instigation of the Begum the Cawns mother & [promted] by our [restless Enemies] must seveerly be revenged & in order there unto the Nabob sends a gard to the Factory [where] was only M^r: Annesly and another to whom they ware highly uncivill & [abusive?] Claping our broakers up in prission & sealing up the houses of all that had any the least relation to our affairs causesing our servants to fly our service [and very] abusive they ware to many on our part att swally: & the Rivers mouth we fall to [the] taking and seazing all we could meet w^th: but after some time and the intercourse of some letters & messengers from one side to another this heat passed over and the Nabob finding his Error and

having mised his game bethinks himself on others mesures and [the treaty] goes on a [fresh] our 35 Articles having been drawne up into three Distinct ranks and orders 10 for the Phirmaund 12 for husbull hookum and 13 to be perform'd by the Nabob himself w^ch^ were all signed and seal'd by the Nabob his son voccanavist & [Cozzy to see a due and true performance of all to our contents and] satisfactions w^ch^: was in that manner delivered the Genr^ll^: who their upon surrenders up 3 Prizes that Cap^t^· Vilday in the Modena had taken Coming from Bussorath & one that Cap^t^: Wright in the Ceaser had taken from Syam but they ware all of them of noe very great vallue the Bussorah ships being most laden w^th^: dates, [&] the other left the Greatest part of her laden [at Cochin, we] reserving the mony & tutenag w^th^: what [of value to be] deliverd up when the Phirmaund [should come, till when a truce is] concluded on, [& in y^e^ interem our trade to goe on in y^e^ same manner as if we had a Phirm^d^ Paying 2 ℔ C^t^: & . . . . . Moores ℔ceived that all their . . . . noe Effect of getting y^e^ . . . . . they moved to have B^n^: Haris] to Come up hither in [order] to opning the port and the [Carring] on of trade w^ch^ was condesended to & the 24 of March he [arrived here] and had a very handsom and Creditable [reception by] the whole Citty to the Genr^ll^ and [all] our satisfaction so we fell to our buissiness again, selling w^tt^ broad Cloth &c^a^: we Could Coyning our Bullion, [buying] & shiping of goods Makeing [of] fraithts for our ships &c^a^ his Exc^lly^ still remaining on board in Sw^a^: hole ordering these and other affairs somtimes Coming on shore to our Choltries in the Day time but returning on bord in the Evenings.

The Nabob &^a^ setting their heads and hands together to work the best they Could to paliate and favourably to represent all these tranceactions to the King and to procure us a Phirmand &^a^ we bought and sould Somw^t^: Considrable and had done more but for [the] many obstructions that occured and the ℔fidiousness of the Moors w^ch^ all along hath been very great and allmost increadible we have sent the ship Charles 2^d^: w^th^ a full fraight for Persia & Bussorath to the [value] of 50 [or] 60000 Rup^s^: fr^t^: & but for the unhapy acci^d^ of shipp london her reunning on shoar at Carwar in her returning from China, but as we heare w^th^ little damage to Either ship or Cargo or loss of men, we had certainly got as much more for ship Modena who in place of the london is now lading for England att Bombay his Exc^lly^ [stay] att Sw^a^ hole was so long as the Season would ℔mit after w^ch^ he road at anchor at the Rivers Mouth till the 30 past expecting the Phirmand not w^th^out great hazard and danger to his person his Hon^ble^: Lady and family being all w^th^· him the Southerly Moonsons setting in very hard we have not yett the good news of his arrivall at Bombay but hope Ere this he is safly landed w^th^ all his family we Bless God during all this Hostility there hath been very little blood [shed] we think but one or two of the moors kiled by us & we by an accident lost a boat belonging to the Yat[ch Persia] w^ch^: rashly rann sternlings a boat [another] boat farr bigger w^th^ a fressh [gale astern (?) soe was immediately sunk and 5 or 6 Englishmen drownded another rash accident was the Prudent Marys boats setting on a ship which firing on them killed . . . . think was all that happened of the . . . . could hardly retaine our people . . . .] many other Extravigaincy [*nearly half a line lost*] Conduct, God be [*a few words lost*] But indeed we Judge [*a few words lost*] there was not a meetting with the Cawn for he and his people would have prosicuted their orders to the height for seazing the Gen^ll^ as we have since been credibly informed was the [real] intentions of his going down to Sw^a^· & of that day the meeting was appointed and we was absolutely bent to defend his Exc^llys^· ℔son ag^t^· all their attempts and wicked devices so that their [would] Certainly have been great mischief done on both sides w^ch^ god prevented we hope for all our goods otherwise the breach had been [wydened soe much that their could have been no thoughts of having any accomodation] at least for many years the ships in Comp^a^· w^th^: his Exc^lly^: att Surrat Rivers Mouth and Sw^a^ hole were the Modena Cap^t^: Wildy Commander Charles the 2^d^: Cap^t^: Johnathan Andrews Commander the Ceaser Cap^t^: Edm^d^ Wright Commander the Emerald Cap^t^: Tho^r^: Harrison Com[mander]w^th^ our ship little Ceaser and the four Prizes before mentioned and after the Ruby friggot came in Cap^t^ Roger [Carr] Comm^dr^ as also the Worcester Cap^t^ Keeling Comm^dr^:

All the Gentelmen of his Exc^lly^: grand Councell were left at Bombay and only himself was in this great Expedition Except B: Harris some time w^th^: him at Sw^a^: on monday last the 7^th^: Instant Just 8 dayes after his Exc^lly^ deperture there did

arrive 2 Eddyes from the king w^th^ Phirmaunds one for the Nabob and the other directed for his Exc^lly^: our Gen^ll^: a Coppy of the former we have but the other is sealed up and the Governor acquaints us is order'd to be delivered to and opned by none but his Exc^lly^: himself of w^ch^: the nabob saith he hath not soe much as a copy we have yesterday advised the Gen^ll^: thereof but what this Pigg in a Poak is God knows but this manner of proceeding gives us Just reason to fear there is a yet a great snake in the grass and more trecherous Intentions [towards] his Exc^lly^: for nothing will serve their turnes, but his Exc^lly^ must come overland to recive the Phirmaund w^ch^ the Gen^ll^ opinion is will prove [to all our] contents and sattifaction [*sic*] & drawn up [according to] articles sealed by the Nabob himself [&^ca^ as before mentioned] w^ch^ if soe will be very well and [hope God will so direct] all his Exc^lly^: Councell [that we may gett it into] our possession and [preserve his Ex^cy^ out of their] trecherous hand [not withstanding all our troubles there] hath been dispatched from [Bombay] the success Cap^t^ [Rogers and the Tun] queen Cap^t^ Commander [*a few words lost*] but a [*a few words lost*] unhappily [*a few words lost*] Returned to Bombay [*a few words lost*] and found soe bad that she Cast [from] ever returning to England again on the Comp^a^ acco^t^ the Modena is now laden for England and they have goods Enugh att Bombay for another great ship early the next Monsoon which may be the london or Barckly Castle w^ch^ letter we Judge ere this is gone w^th^ freight goods and some of the R^t^: hon^ble^ Comp^a^ Good for Persia from Bombay the Worshipfull John Shaxton his Exc^lly^: Brother in law is gone Agent to Persia in Clarles [*sic*] the 2^d^ we have noe news yett of the Royall James and Mary nor the sociaty so long expected from England God send them safe in his due time yesterday arrived att this Barrs foott his Exc^lly^ ship blessing from Bussorath & Persia w^ch^ voyage she hath made in less then 3 month from Bombay Cap^t^: Tho: Johnson Comm^dr^: who is not yett Come on shoar so have not our letters but thus much we hear that Christendum is att peace the Reverand Pardres press hard for our dispach of these having detained there Convoy 2 dayes for us if we shall learne any more Newes worthy the knowledge [ere] the departure of the Cossets we shall not fayle to Impart the same to you we are at present but 5 in the Factory butt Injoy our full Libertie we Call nothing else to mind att present so in recommending yo^r^ Hon^r^ &c^a^: to the favour & protection of the Allmighty we remaine

Your Hon^rs^: &c^a^: most affectionate
Frinds [*sic*] & Servants

Surratt 9^th^ May 1688.

Bar^o^: Harrioss.
Sam. Annesley.

The Pardres tell us that they Convey these noe farther then the Armey so that by what Conveniency you receive these you must pay for itt.

To the Hon^ble^ Elihu Yale Esq^r^.
President and Governor &c^a^ Councell.

Conimeere 22^th^ Aug^st^: 1688.

Hon^ble^ S^r^ &c^a^

Your Hon^r^: &c^a^ of 13^th^ wee rec^d^ the 17^th^ Ditto together w^th^ the 1000 Pag^os^ you were pleased to send us which shall be expunded as frugally as wee can.

Wee have not as yet sent forwared the pass for the Divans ship at Porto Novo supposeing that after reciept of Harga Rajas letter to your Hon^r^ &c^a^ you might have sent some farther orders to us but fearing their patience may be tired by long expectation therof wee resolve now to send it as alsoe to acquaint them w^th^: what you are pleas'd to order as to wearing our Collours and furnishing them w^th^ a Pilot.

Severall of our men of late have run away and enter'd themselves into the Mogulls service the reason wherof we judge arising from a report the Pyrates men when here made of good usage and pay there being allowed each man 8 Pag^os^: ℔ mensem and a Horse we have studied all the wayes we can to present [*sic*] their

designes but to noe purpose till the 17th : Instant at night when 7 of them took their flight together of which as soon as we had notice wee sent out an officer wth : some Soldiers and Peons who overtook two of them and brought them back againe whom we shall make seveir examples to deter the rest from making the like attempts we have wrote to the Generall of the Camp to redeliver our men but as yet have not recived an answer thereto the names of those at present their are according to the list herewth : which we thought convenient to send your Honr : &ca for your Information.

The Ann Capt. Wm : Freake Commander arrived here the 19 Instant and had the good fortune to meet wth : 3 of his men that ran away with his boat from Trincumbar wch they left ashoar about Coudalour The Capt. made an offer to Carry the Rt Honble : Companyes bales up to the ffort ffreight free wch : we accepted of and are lading them aboard as fast as we can we know not when Capt : English may arrive not haveing any advice as yet of his departure from Porto Novo.

[*About six lines lost.*]

To the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr. Conimeere 29th Augst 1688.
President and Governour &cA Councell.

Honble : Sr : &ca :

Capt : Inglish Taking a board 6500 ps : of wood at Codalour we thought it more convenient to continue them aboard to be landed at the ffort rather then to take them ashoar here and have agreed wth him for freight for Pagos 15 wch we desire your &ca : will please to pay him.

Mr Swynoke informes us of a loss in the Godown at Porto Novo to the amot of Pagos : 515 : the Factory Braminy and some others are suspected to be concern'd are here wth us when the rest that are accused arrive we will examine the business as well as we can and render your Honr : &ca an Accot : theirof which is all at present from

Honble : Sr : &ca :

Your most obedient Servts :

John Nicks.
Simon Holcombe.
John Devett.

The peons sent after the Long boat arrived here and take their passage on Capt : Inglish we sent some of ours to goe as far as Trincombar on the same accot :

In

Conimeere August 24th 1688

To the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr :
President & Governour &cA Council.

Honble : Sr &ca.

This is to accompany the Invoyce and bill of Lading of 33 bales we have laden one [*sic*] the Ann Capt : William Freak Commander and nothing of any importance happening since our last to advise you of we att present suberibe

[*a few lines of P.S. lost.*]

Honble : Sr &ca

[Your] most obedient servts :

[John Nicks.]
[Simon Holcombe.]
[John Devett.]

To the Hon^{ble}: Elihu Yale [*sic*] President of
Fort S^{t} George Bay of Bengulla &
Coast of Cormandell &c^{a} Councill.

Wee wrote you [*sic*] hon^{r}: &c^{a} by 5 returned Cossets the Dec^{r}: last from Carwarr these goe by ships Bengall Merchant bound to your Port as you will read in the Generall letter from bombay w^{ch}: Cap^{t}: Perce will deliver you On this ship we have laden 97: butts Goa arack & 4 barss Rantace wth: 100 small iron shotts for them amounting to Rup^{s} 3259: 343^{r} w^{ch} we desire you to give the Island Bombay cred^{t}: for we being ordered by the Generall &c^{a} to send them to you a bill of lading and Invoise of said good goes inclosed as also copy our instructions from the Generall and Councell of Bombay w^{ch} we ware also ordered to send for your perusall Wee shall now give your hon^{r} &c^{a} a briefe acc^{t} of our prosedings since depardted [*sic*] Carwarr on the [20th] Dec^{r} we arrived Mangalore wher we went ashore for the better informing ourselves about the Moors ship that lay within the River on w^{ch} designe we ware cheifly sente as your hon^{r}: &c^{a}: will at large be informed p^{r}: Copy our Instructions finding her fully and Richly laden we ware resolved to putt in execution our orders in using our utmost to take her and on the 27: past it pleased God to bles our undertakings sending into the River 4 small vessels well man'd who now ran up her side and demanded of them to strike for the king of England and send their Noquedath on board at fist they made a great shew as if they desined a Risistance [*sic*] w^{ch}: had they done we should have had a hard task to have taken her but must have burnt her to secure our men and vesels from being distroyed she being a stout ship of 22 large perces of ordinances mounted but their courage faild them they soon struck their french coulours wth: out [*a few words lost*] and then our men entred & took [*a few words lost*] most of her men leap[ed] over [*a few words lost*] we imediately proceed [*a few words lost*] her goods over the bar [*a few words lost*] wth out the next mor [*a few words lost*] they fire [*a few words lost*] Twon were upon [*a few words lost*] soon de [*a few words lost*] seing that sea [*a few words lost*] fire other small skirmishes we had with the shou^{e}: but no man killed or wonded on either side Our Brokers were ashore through their one Inclinations and were imediately clapped into Prison and not with standing our utmost Indevours by threating the Goverment could not have them released unless we would deliver up the ship and goods soe they still remaine in Custody we had noe order to make warr wth: the Ranath and therefore as soon as got the Prize empty and taken out most of her Gunns on 10th: Jan^{r}: being a spring tyde got her our [*sic*] the Barr with twise strickeing on it but got no damage as soon as we got her over we used all hast to get reladed and rigged w^{ch}: took up ttill 24Do when we dispatched her for bombay in Company wth: the Tunqueen and hunter ffrigatt and hope in god that befor this she is saifely arrived wth his Excellency &c^{a}: there The next morn we proseded on our Voyage down the Mallabar Coast and arrived at this Port the 28th: Jan^{r}: when examining what relateing to this Factory and gave what orders convenient proceeded for Callicut on 29th: past arrived the Experim^{t} from bombay by whom the Gennerall and Councill ordered us up thither wth: all expedition to w^{ch}: the latenence [*sic*] of the year and complyance to those orders we laid aside all thoughts of going to Ruterath as first ordered and stayed at Callicut till the 13 Instant in taking on board what Pepp^{r}: that ffactory had ready and then sail'd back for Tilleacherry where haveing fully Compleated our Cargo of Pepp^{r}: shall this night saile for Bombay.

The Bengall Merchant we have ordered to tuch at Rutterath to countenance that ffactory the Ducth endevering all they can to remove us thence and land their 10 chests tresure we have if the ffactory see it convenient given them leave to detaine their the Bengall their 20 dayes but not more Copy our Instrucions to Cap^{t} [Pearce] goes Inclos'd.

Our last news fr [*a few words lost*] was of the [*a few words lost*] what worthy [*a few words lost*] the Ge [*a few words lost*] from England Dat: [*a few words lost*] Shandoise Persia M [*a few words lost*] and [so] ciety all 5 arri [*a few words lost*] may last their [*a few words lost*] Coast and daily Expecting viz the Royall James

and Mary the [second] a new frigatt of Two hundred Tunns and the Jonas The Generall was designed for surratt in 5 dayes a new Governour being sent thither to treate wth: him about a peace and hath sent two persons down to Bombay desiring him to goe up promising him to performe what he shall desire and the Charles the 2^{d} hath all-ready landed some goods for saile their having the Governour Obligation that we shall not be disturb'd in our trade and pay but 10 ℔ Cent Costome as formerly on the Generalls arrivall there we doubt not but he will bring them into an hon^{ble}: advantage: Peace in w^{ch} we hope God Allmighty will bless his Endeavours wth success this is what at present we call to mind we [*sic*] worthy your hon^{rs}: &c^{a} notice to wth all due submission subcribe

On board the Experiment in Telle-cherry Road 19th: ffeb^{r}: 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: & S^{rs}
Yo^{r}: most obed^{t}: humble Servants
JOHN SHAXTON.
THO: MICHELL.
RICHARD CLIFTON.

Wee had from on board the Bengall Merch^{t}: when went to take the moors ship at Mangaloore 66 lb Powder 18 Men shott 6 musketts 4 pistols 5 swords 5 powder horns 8 Catuch boxes and 5 lb Europe Match w^{ch} we humbly desire yo^{r}: Hon^{r} to order him to be made good in the same quality.

upon signing the bill of ladeing the Commander hath made an unreasonable objections [*sic*] against the arrack for 17hh^{d}: that came on board wery leakie and so starled into other castks [*sic*] but he will have them all not full that came aboard and the 17 casks that ware starled he sayes ware put to fill up others we know very well that goe casks are very leakie but we are asurered [*sic*] they never came aboad [*sic*] so emty [*sic*] as he makes them when they were put aboard M^{r} Empson to see them starled and give us an account he hath not deliverd us soe have orderd him to declare to your hon^{r} [the con]dition said arrack came.

To the Hon^{ble} Elihu Yale President and Governor of Fort S^{t}: George Coast Cormandel Bay of Bengalla &c^{a} and to the Councill.

Wee wrote your hon^{r}: &c^{a} the 14 Instant which accompaned a pair of Cossets from Bombay wth 2 or 3 large pacq^{ts} and severall perticular Letters for your Hon^{r} &c^{a} they came heither in part for the reason she would not pass though [*sic*] Sambajees Country fearing they should want mony to Carry them quite through so supplied them wth: five rupes more wee hope ere this they are saffely arrived wth you as also ours of the 9th: past wherein gave your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: an account of what past here from the time of his Ex^{cys} arrivall to swally hole &c^{a} till his departure which whent by the Conuavce of the rever^{d}: Paddres Coppy whereof we likewise sent in ours of the 6 Instant as above said wth w^{t} further accorances to that time since wth wee have only this to add that we hear that the severall surratt March^{t}: that whent up to the Mogulls Court to Complaine were returned wth a great Check from his Maj^{tie}: an are

hear shortly expected herewth: an Eddy and all their agrevance reffered to be redrest by our Nabob Mustier Cawne and it is likewise told us that their is another new phrimaund on the way from Court wth: the sev^{ll}: retifications of the former to our Contents and satisfactions God send it prove so we live in great freedome and liberty to recommend yo^{r}: Hon^{r} &c^{a} to the Almighties protection and favor we subcribe

Yo^{r} Hon^{rs}: Very

Loving freinds and servants

Bar^{o}: Harris.

Surratt the 18th: 1688. Sam^{ll}: Annesly.

The Right Hon^{ble}: Governor &c^{a} Madrass 18th August 1688.

Worshipfull Councill.

Whereas I find the cercumstance I am und^{r}: to be of that nature that will compell any man living to desert the Justest cause wife credit and whatever may be most dear and precious to himselfes I am forced to intreate your Hon^{rs} &c^{a} to lett me know what it is that is Expected from me is it my ruine that can satisfie any man why how can I be in a worser condition then I have bin these 6 or 7 months being forced to beg my bread of friends and Even from the vilest in the towne or have I deserved Death why doe they not take awaw my life w^{ch} I protest I would more willingly undergoe then to live long^{r}: so I am Questined againe for matters that are answered allready on all the disadvantage that can be imagined since I am unprovided my wittnesses absent myself not perfect in the English tongue and the worst of all exceeding ungratious to allmost the whole court all w^{ch} undoubtedly brings not only the audito^{rs}: into a bad opinion of me but is besides most likely to terminate in a sentance against me for a misfortune w^{ch}: came directly from the will of providence when I was not the Comp^{s}: covenanted servant nor had any wages for my labour and that did act to the best of my talent.

To the Hon^{ble}: Elihu Yale Esq^{r}: Vizagapatam 31th: July 1688.

President and Govern^{r}: &c^{a} Councill.

Hon^{ble}: &c^{a}.

The 26 Instant in the evening it pleased God to arrive us in safely [*sic*] to this place when Your Hon^{r} &c^{a} of the 12th: Instant was read in a full Councill to which we shall now by this Bengalla conveyance which arrived with us last night respectfully reply to so farr as our present circumstances will admitt of.

The unlading ship Princes of Denmark goes on slowly [*a few words lost*] one Boat and in this southerly Monsoon [*a few words lost*] high so that Boat can make noe mor [*a few words lost*] two a day at most and beleive [*a few words lost*] before she sailes for Bengall [*a few words lost*] Governour of Ellore [*a few words lost*] [M]adap [*a few words lost*] bob of this part [*a few words lost*] Country [*a few words lost*] by the sea side [*a word or two lost*] Collingapatam to Pentacoast to Meruyalare a moreman for three years for which he payes Rup^{s} 83,000 ℔ Ann & is for this twon Rup^{s}: 1000 ℔ Ann more then was formerly giveing by the Right Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a} so that the Government of this place has been in his hands since may last upon which M^{r} fleetwood gave the Nabob a vissit and obtaned his letter to the Seir Lascar to bee Coustome free coppy whereof come inclosed w^{ch} humbly referr to your Hon^{r} &c^{a} consideration and shall continue as it is all things going on currantly till we shall recive your Hon^{rs} order & Direction therein.

The Right Hon^ble^ Comp^as^: Merchants upon their arrivall here from Maddras removed all their Concerns out of twon and when we came found none of them hear but upon satterday last in the evening they returned to their habitations since which we have twice treated w^th^ them according to your Hon^r^ &c^a^ orders but are not come to any conclusion they desired till to morrow to consider of what we proposed to them on a new Investment and expect they will give their answer which we shall speedily acquaint your Hon^r^: &c^a^: w^th^: not thinking it convenient to detain these peons they haveing stayed this day to buy provissions and refresh themselves two of them being sick and hope to bring the marchants to such terms as your Hon^r^: &c^a^ expect from them tho: it will be very difficult most of the weavors being removed from this pleace [*sic*] and dead wee have also sent to Conarra &c^a^ place to enquire after Ebbony and Red: wood the latter wee are certainly informed none can be procured but of the former wee hope to be supplyed w^th^ a large quantity if not the whole your Hon^rs^: &c^a^: require and humble desire your Hon^rs^: &c^a^ to order the Agent Councill in Bengall that ship which touches here to take in our goods may on our advice to them call att the place were the Ebbony lies and take it in [*a word or two lost*] Charge to bring it hither will be as much [*a few words lost*] cost.

[*A few words lost*] Wee shall punctually observe [*a few words lost*] in said Genrall as near [*a few words lost*] a complimentall letter to [*a few words lost*] being to Golcondath at [*a few words lost*] our presents to him [*a few words lost*].

[*Pages 193 & 194 are missing.*]

Domingoes de Porto &c^a^ w^ch^ please to recive from them since w^ch^ our Nabob is pretty well sattisfyed in the imposibility of his Ex^cys^ coming up by land and is willing to keep the Phirmaund til after the raines and doeth allso promisse to procure us and other Phirmaund in his Ex^cys^ name and all English with the other amendments this to our contents and satisfaction so that we hope here to pass the raines in rest and quietnes w^th^ our full Liberty and fredome as heretofore w^ch^ being neadfull at present we subscribe

Your Hon^rs^: &c^a^ Loveing frinds and Serv^ts^

BAR^o^: HARRIS.

SAM: ANNESLEY.

TO THE HON^BLE^: ELIHU YALE

PRESIDENT OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE COAST OF CORMANDEIL.

BAY BENGALA &C^A^: AND TO THE COUNCILL AT FORT S^T^: GEORGE.

Herew^th^: send your Hon^r^: &c^a^ Coppy of what wrote you under 9^th^ past since w^ch^ have understood his Ex^cy^: safe arrivall at [*a word or two lost*] the fourth whence he hath dispatched [*a few words lost*] Cap^t^: Thomas Harrison Com^der^: and [*a few words lost*] Com^der^: boath for China the former [*a few words lost*] 21 ulto: and by our last advices from [*a few words lost*] 27 D^o^: the Modina was all [*a few words lost*] to be dispatched [*a word or two lost*] 6 or 7 [*a few words lost*] James and M[*a word or two lost*] arrived [*a few words lost*] out a large stock in money and Goods and 140 men for the use of the Island Departed the Downe the 29^th^ Aug^tt^: last and brings newes of his Maj^ties^. ship Phenix ship Kent and ship Sampson safe arrived therefrom thence and the Shrewsbury from the Coast all at peace at home the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: in a

very flrourishing [*sic*] Condission and more then ever in the Kings favour other ℔ticulers we have not yett but are in hourely expectation ship Barkley Castle was dispatched from Bombay for Persia the 19th: Ulto Wee have had a Coppy of our Phirmaund and Husball Hookum they are defective in severall respects the Phirmaund running in Genll: name and the great articles of our Paying 2 ℔ sent [*sic*] not Clearly set downe as should be wch and some others the Nabob hath promised to get rectified to our satisfaction they are still in expectation of his Excys: Coming up to receive it and we cannot perswaid them that it is impossible for him to come and to have it to be delivered us we are mightily threatned if his Excy. doth not come as likewise our Brokers and all our servants in a little time we shall see the upshod your Honrs: of the 24 of Feby. is recd. and forwarded to bombay where by reason of the great reaines set in on this Coast that may have hindred his Excys: &ca: proceding in lading ship Modina for England so that belive your Honrs: letter to our Rt: Honble. Masters may have reached their hands time enough to goe home one [*sic*] her we have read your Honours &ca: Great Zeall and [s]trenuous endevours at the Mogulls Court for the Good and benifit of all the English affaires in his Dominions by Procuring a Genll Phirmaund for us hear as well as for the Bay and yr: parts but in our weake Judgments cannot belive you will be able to attaine your desired success if yor: Vakeel be a man of any Credit at Court he must doutles [*sic*] have heard and understood his Excys. Procedings there through the means of our Nabob Mushtier Cawn where by he and you may Perceive that it will be for the Rt: Honble: Compas: Interest not to intermedle therein but Continue yor. utmost for wt pertaines to yr one Coast and the Bay Concerning wch. doubt not that you have or shortly will be advised more at large from his Excys: &ca: at bombay and only give this as our opinions in case it should [*a word or two lost*] should faile of the other.

The [*a few words lost*] recd further advices from [*a few words lost*] 24th aprill last by wch are [*a few words lost*] Plague yet Continues so rageing [*a few words lost*] that ther [is as] great fear [*a few words lost*] the lost God Al [*a few words lost*] and all wish you [*a few words lost*] frinds & servants.

ye 6th June 1688. SAMLL. ANNESLEY.

To THE HONBLE: ELIHU YALE EsqR. Conimeere
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR &ca COUNCILL. the 27th August 1688.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Capt English arrived here yesterday by home[*sic*] we received the bad news of the ill success of our orders to Cudalour Factory wch: were to ship aboard him the Rt Honble: Compas: remaines &ca: and then to deliver up the Divans House and repair to Porto Novo in order wherto Mr Ingram &ca: had contracted wth: him to Pay Pagos: 80 after 3 dayes stay in the Road wch. he did but the avalder would permit nothing but the House moveables to goe off making many pretences for the detention of the Valluable goods upon notice wherof we advised them to endevour to Clear them by a private present wch: Mr: Swinock and Mr Cranwell acknowledge might have been done but why it was not have noe Clear understanding of their reasons wch: we desire yor: Honr: &ca will pleace to examine them more perticularly about by reason of this disapointment the Factory cannot be wth drawn the Charge wherof will amount to near Pagos: 60 ℔ month as by an accompt they sent us and Capt Inglish to be paid 80 Pagos: freight for what is not worth half the summe and the further Charge that must nessaryly follow when ever they gett leave to remove if they had well weighed these things it had been mony well spent if they had been at a small matter more Charge then expected and now we have adviced that Harge Raja is much concerned at the Anne takeing the ship laden wth: rice wherein his Lady is concerned apart wch gives Us Cause to fear they may seize on ye Compa.

effects att Cudaloor haveing as we hear att Carricall & Trimlevas putt many of the Madrass people in Irons & seized on all their goods allready of w^{ch}: yo^{r}: hon^{r}: &c^{a} probably may hear a beter account by the letter that goes hear wth: please as son as possibly to send us instruction what to doe in this affaire and in the mean time we will use the utmost of our own endevours.

Our Peons are return'd from the Camp who bring us news that the English are about 50 or 60 strong there and that the Generall was inclinable to returne us the men we wrote for which the rest understood and unanimously made opposition [*a word or two lost*] and beating our Peons soe we Cannot [*a few words lost*] of getting them again.

[*A few words lost*] Hon^{r}· &c^{a}: of 24 instant & when [*a few words lost*] send for the Factory arrive [*a few words lost*] about the Contractor wth:out [*a few words lost*], account of all tranc [*a line lost*] regard [*a few words lost*] give us which is what we have at present to advise soe subcribe.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:

Your most Obedient Servants

JOHN NICKS.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
JOHN DEVETT.

TO THE HON^{BLE}· ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}·
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR &C^{A} COUNCILL.

Conimeere the 31th:
August 1688.

Hon^{ble} S^{r}· &c^{a},

Since our Dubash Ancos arrivall we have been very busy in treating wth: our Merch^{ts} about an Investment according as we were orderd by your Hon^{rs}: &c^{a} in yours of the 24 instant and by all the arguments and perswasions we can use they will not be induced to undertake for more then Pag^{os}: 40000 to be brought in by the 20th Jan^{ry}· next and to be paid half in Pag^{os}· $\frac{1}{4}$: in silver and a $\frac{1}{4}$ in Europe goods for w^{ch} they would bring in Callicoes according to the list here inclosed w^{ch} we advised them to be very cautious in and consider well what they did least they should give your Hon^{r}: &c^{a} occasion therby to leasson the great esteam you had for their former Service the credit wherof they should at this time study to preserve and [not?] expose it to the hazzard of such preposalls [*sic*] as these w^{ch}: we are sure could not be liked nor excepted of your Hon^{r} &c^{a} to w^{ch}· they answered that if they spent never so much time the Consultation they Could not make any allteration therin nor agree upon any other termes and therefore desir'd that this their finall answer might be sent to your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: w^{ch}: we leave to your serious Consideration.

And for any abatement on the former prizes of their goods w^{ch} they understand the Merchants of Madras have made they told us wthout asking them for any such thing that they were firmly resolved never to condesend but rather then greant it lay the whole buissness aside yet we shall give them over but ende if possible to bring them to it before we have done.

Wee desire you [*a word or two lost*] please to advise us the prizes your Hon^{r}: &c^{a} [*a few words lost*] your Mercht: for the severall [*a few words lost*] our better Gover^{t}: herewth: [*a few words lost*] allready but for want therof [*a few words lost*].

Wee [*a few words lost*] salls to Codaloar and [*a few words lost*] think not convenient to doe till we have fully discorst these and know the utmost they will undertake for and upon what termes then we shall be beter able to manage the

buisness and shall be mindfull to send your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: speedy advice of all our prosedings, thering and in concluding wth either side will endevour the most we can for the needfull we have to advice at present therfore Subcribe

Hon^{ble} S^{r} &c^{a}.
Your most Obedient Servants
JOHN NICKS.
SIMON HOLCOMBE.
JOHN DEVETT.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: ELIHU YALE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL

Vizagapatam 20th : Augst 1688.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}.

Ours of the 31th: past ℔ Bengall Peons gave your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: an account of occurrances from our arrivall to that time to which wee humbly referr and shall proseed to give your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: an acco^{t}: of our transactions to this.

The 11 Instant after much trouble and many arguments we contracted with the Merch^{t}: for an Investment to be brought in by the 20th: of Novem^{r}: next in the folloing goods viz^{t}: 400 Corg of long Cloth and 500: Corg of sallampores att the prices M^{r}: Browne last contracted wth: them for and 150 Corg of sail Cloth 2 Cov^{ds}: broad and 40 Cov^{ds}. long att Pag^{os}: 18 ℔ Corg but Could no means ℔swade them to provide any Neeckcloths or stript Beteelass this time but they promise to put their weavors in a way against the next Investment and they have taken Pag^{os}: 4001 in Europe goods which they could hardly bee perswaded to, in the particulars under mentioned to Pay them Pag^{os}: 8000 down and the rest as they bring in their goods, Viz^{t}.

54 half ℔'s: broad Cloth ord^{r}: att P: 24 ℔' half ℔' Pag^{os} 1296.
6 half ℔'s Arrora—att Pag^{os} 40 ℔' half ℔' [246].
4 ℔'s fine Scarlett—att Pag^{os} 65 ℔' ℔^{s}——200.
10 half ℔'s Cloth Rashes fine att Pag^{o} 25 ℔' half ℔^{s} 250.
70 d^{to} . . . att Pag^{o}: 17 ℔' half ℔' 1190.

[*about* 3 *or* 4 *lines lost*]

to the ffort and that your Hon^{r}: &c^{a} will pleace to send us no more of that Coulors [*sic*] Since it is imposible to dispose of it they have taken no Brimstone nor Red Lead the former being forbid to any person to buy and the latter not used in these parts however hope one way or other to dispose of them all w^{ch} wee hope will find your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: approbation having done our utmost therin and since by the great advance on the goods we have still half the Princes of Denmarks Cargo remaning in the Godowne we hope your Hon^{r} &c^{a}: will please to supply us wth. mony sufficient by the first oppertunity to put those goods of for another Investment.

Wee have discourst the washers and find that of 200 that were formerly here there is not above ten left in twon [*sic*], for want of imploy and the great scarcity and dearnes of Grain & ordered them to send to adjacent places and ℔'swade as many as they can to come hither the person usally provieded the pacing [*sic*] stuff was also contracted wth: for the folloing perticular Viz^{t}.

4000 P^{s} Gunnys—att Pag^{o}: 2½ ℔' 100 ℔^{s}.
10 Candy Ropes att Pag^{o} 3½ ℔' Candy
5 Candy twine att Pag^{o} 6 ℔' Candy

So that all things being thus prepared we only await the Merch^{t}: bringing in their Goods and wish they may comply with their time being somthing doubtfull of them by reason of their poverty short time to provide in and trouble all over these parts by reason of the warrs betw'en the Sier Lascar and the Rajas we shall daly press them forward and take care that noe time be lost to gett all ready if possible for the ship Bengall.

Wee can now more certainly acquaint your Hon^{r}: &c^{a} about the procuring of Red wood and Ebbony in these parts, then in our last having advices from the person we sent to make [*a word or two lost*] and find no place here [*about three or four lines lost*] whose Co[untry] itt grows and stops all persons from carrying itt out however wee have writt to the Raja a civill letter and desired that his Merchants may be permitted to come hither (being butt three dayes Journey off) and treat wth us & hope he will grant them haveing formerly been a good corrispondance between the English and him but as yett we have recived no answer.

Wee have rec^{d}: two letters from the Seier [*sic*] lascar and find by the latter that he expects a prsent [*sic*] which we have not yet sent him but have now agreed that M^{r}: ffleetwood shall goe to him and be att little Charge as posible least our longer delay may be prejudiciall to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affairs hear he is very pressing for the Chief to come up to discource with him but we have excused itt with which he seems not to be ssatisfied he now writes us the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: bussiness cannot goe on as formerly except he Sees coppy of the Mogulls Phirmaund, but we belive the present will satisfie him as well and heartily wish we had it hear for then should threat [*sic*] with him and other Governours without the Expence of great presents and with a greater Security.

Wee have reduced the Charges of the Factory and servants as low as possible which your Hon^{r}· &c^{a} will see by our Acco^{ts} & Consultations w^{ch} will be remitted the beginning of next month & have discharged the Chi'f braminee he being noe ways fit for the Rt. Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as} Service in that imploy and indeed no occasion for him his sallary was Pag^{os}: 50 ℔' Aunnum too much for doing nothing as also his son in law a Conicoply att Pag^{os} 2 ℔' month for the Like service wth: 15 peons soe that what are left are absolutely nessesary. The Chief Braminee being an old servant and understanding as he pretended somthing of Phisick we offered him Pag^{os} 2 ℔' month in that employ but he refused it. The Bricklayres and Carpenters shall also be dischag'd so soon as they have finished the building that was begun before our arrivall.

Inclosed is M^{r} Fleatwoods [*sic*] Acc^{t} Cash from M^{r} Browns going away to the time of our arrivall as also the st'wards Acc^{t} Currant but there has been noe Consulltation or Diary since the 31th of December [*a few words lost*] can find or M^{r} fleetwood [knows] of and the [*a few words lost*] Books are bringing up as fast as possible [*a few words lost*] a little time to rem[it] them to yo [*a few words lost*] but one Boat hea [*a few letters lost*] and [*a few words lost*] made [*a few words lost*] then on [*a few words lost*] aring the Pri [*a few letters lost*] long boat and filling her water hindred her sayling hence for bengall till the 10 Instant in the Morning which is all that offers att present but with one respect humbly Crave leave to subcribe

Hon^{ble}. S^{r}: &c^{a}·

Your hon^{rs}: &c^{a} most obed^{t} Servants

JOHN STABLE.
W^{M}: HALL.
DAN^{IE}: DU BOIS.
CHARLES FLEETWOOD.

Dacca June 22th 1688.

To Y^{E} R^{T} WORSP^{LL}: JOB CHARNOCK ESQ^{R}:

AGENT AND GOVERNOUR FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T} HON^{BLE} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{AS}: IN THE BAY OF BENGALL &C^{A} COUNCILL.

S^{RS}:

Our last was the 18th Currant since w^{ch} wee have applied ourselves [to] Mellick borcourdar Concerning our R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Masters Affaires acquainting with the twelve Articles agreed on by himself and Boremull also those of the Abdussummuds w^{ch}:

he said ware invaled not being firm'd there ware only wrote on one side the[y] had seen and read them at last after a tedious dispute he Came to this conclusion as to the business of the Cusstome upon Condition you would consent to give Rs. 6000 yearly R. Piscash whereas before you paid but 3000 the Nabob will write to the King and indevour to procure his phirmaund for the confirming same and in the interim will give us his Perwanna to trade upon those termes untill the arrivall of the Kings orders Concerning of the removall of the Mint to Hugly they Can doe nothing in it without the Kings order which they much question notwithstanding the Nabob will write thereabouts.

They promise restitution of our good [*sic*] in Cash and that the Nabob will assist us by asureing out his pervanna for the recovery of what Debts are due to our R^t^ Hon^ble^ Masters from the Weavers &c^a^ he will grant us his pervanna also for building at Culcutta [*sic*] w^th^ ground sufficient for a twon or two as you desire.

Concerning the act of obliveion the Nabob will [*a few words lost*] on resorting his treasure taken [*a few words lost*] aking some satisfaction to the [*a few words lost*] the 13 ships bu [*a word or two lost*] their also the [*a few words lost*] by the [*a word lost*] Cawn a [*a few words lost*] and Mellick Borcour Per [*a few words lost*] Keim fully and Zainalaude a large Piscash to the King and the Nabob and upon these Conditions he questions not but to procure an act of oblivion from the king If your Worsp &c^a^ thinks it Convenient to give order upon these Tearmes Matt^rs^: may be brought to an accommodation otherwise we fear you will run the hazard of a second Quarrell an answer to each ℔ticulars we have promised to procure in 15 or 20 dayes which we humbly crave you will be spedy [*sic*] in we are

R^t^ Worsp^ll^: &c^a^ S^rs^
Yo^r^ most Obedient Ser^ts^
CHARLES EYRE.
ROGER BRADDYLL.

P.S.

If you are satisfied to lett the Cause of our distempers remaine and Content w^th^: what trade offers und^r^: the command of your gunns untill time hath worne it out or present some fair opertunity for obtaning the act of oblivion we belive notwithstanding all Complaints its feasible to procure a peaceable trade there with noe very large Expence at least for this shipping if not for this subas time.

CHARLES EYRE.
ROGER BRADDYLL.

M^R^ CHARLES EYRE & M^R^ ROGER BRADDYLL. Chutanutte 29^th^ June 1688.

Our last to you was the 26 Instant since Rec^d^: yours of the 22^d^: D^to^.

What Mellick saith concerning the invalidness of Abdulsummuds agrement becaues it wants a Chaup is but one of his shams were it eare soe firm they would find one way or other to Contradict what they never had a designe to ℔forme.

As to the Phirmaund Cust^o^: free we will give the Nabob an extraordinary Present upon its arrivall provided he will also get an act of indemnity an in the interim we are willing to pay Rs. 3,000 ℔Annum Piscash an upon its arrivall shall augment it to six we would have you make enquiry but lett it be with all secrecy w^t^ the Nabob expects that we may see what to depend upon.

[*A word or two lost*] the buisness of Mint we [always] thought it could [*a word or two lost*] w^th^ out the kings ord^r^: [*a word or two lost*] if be procured [*a few words lost*] Service.

As to [*a few words lost*] Rt Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a} [*a few words lost*] and things [*a few words lost*] Place to settle in we hope he will doe that upon the ordinary Piscash as used to be giving to Shateh Cawn.

As to what you write about the Plaintiffs desireing sattisfaction for their losses in the [warr]we are dispatching the sloop Bleaufort [*sic*] to the ffort now wth: all expedition we may expect an answer in two mos: when we shall see their orders concerning it as also have an acco^{t}: of their Transactions at Court they now being making applycation there and designes if posible to effect our business too if any great stir be made you must endevour to wave it till we heare from thence by telling them that we can say nothing to it till we here from the Fort and acq^{t}: them of our sending a sloop or by any other means you can.

Wee are wery sory that the business is so wholy referr'd to Mellick who is to cunning and to much acq^{td}: wth: our affairs to doe any good for us we had rather it had bin refered to a stranger we are sencible he is a very ill man and one whome we belive formerly much incens'd Abdulgunny against us true he had policy to carry it off we also know that he is no wellwisht^{r}, [*sic*] to any Christians and therefore we cannot expect any good from him we thought that always such Matt^{rs}: had bin in the Duans hands but tis our misfortune.

We admire Melick burcoordar a[nd] Mellick Coussin shoud Complain of their losses by the warr when the former was a sufficient Gainer by it in plundering our people and the twon and the latter had long before fight at Ballasore secured all he had in the Ducth[*sic*] ffactory the sole Dammage he Rec$^{d.}$ was the Dafacing his house we must tell you in the whole that it is a thing not to be thought to make sattisfaction for all damage sustained in the Warr they have bin unquestionably very great which made us formerly so cautious to have that inserted in Abdulsummuds Colenomma[*sic*] that we would deliver them soe farr as they are to be found w^{ch}: we have punctually complyed wth: and as to what is urged about the Invalidness of the Agrem^{t}: they will as fores^{d}, make w^{t} they pleace but urge y^{s}: y^{t}: we are noe Lawyes [*sic*] but unskill'd [*a few words lost*] can they deny y^{t} to be [*a few words lost*] but they had as good plainly say [*a few words lost*] for they only denote it [*a few words lost*] rrespondance w$^{th.}$ the [*a few words lost*] loath to engage in.

We would desire as fair a Correspondence wth: the Nabob as may be for we are very loath to engage in a second Quarrell till we hear from The Fort and therefore do esteeme it the best way att ℔sent is according to your Postscript y^{t} y$^{e.}$ endeaver to procure a ℔vanna that we remaine here trading peacably to obtain w$^{ch.}$ wee think the accostomed Present to be well given.

We thought when first we sent your up y^{t} y^{e} Nabob would have hearkened to our Complaints and have redressed the Injuries we suffered in Shasteh Cawn time for we had formerly his promise for it afore he left his Goverment but we are sorry instead of that to find demands made on us this is not conformable to the Nabobs ℔wanna to the agent and his promiss made our Vuckeel lately at Rajamaul that he would give us encouragement to stay by granting us our reasonable request.

Wee would have you press home for redress of our sufferings wrongs and oppressions as the great Demorage of our shipping w$^{ch.}$ the Nabob may do by writing to the King of all Shasteh Cawns oppressions and ℔ticularly of his having Plundred one of our ships and carried the goods away with him all which we recommended to your Care and Conduct herein and Remaine

Your Affec^{e}: ffriends

JOB CHARNOCK.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

RICHARD TRENCHFEILD.

JEREMIATH PEACHY.[*sic*].

To the Honble Elihu Yale Esqr
Governr: of Fort St George and the City of Maddrass
and President for the affairs of the
Rt Honble English East India Compas
over the Coast of Cormandall Bay of Bengall
and the South Seas &ca Councill.

Honble: Sr: &ca.

Chutanutte 27th June 1688.

Your Honr: &ca: letter of the 26th April ℔ the Phenix we recd: the 12 Ultimo to the wch we shall briefly reply being in dayly expectation of the ship Recovery when according to your Honr. &ca intimation we shall expect larger advices.

When we sent up the Treasure we had litt [*a word or two lost*] investing it hear and yett we are not soe [*a few words lost*] as to venture to giv [*a few words lost*] any [*about a line lost.*] Goods we can for ready money.

Wee are in great hopes of obtaining Chuttanutte to settle in wth 3 or 4 other adjacent Townes wch doubtless may be in some years so improved as to be very proffitable to the Rt Honble. Compas, and possibly may be gradually improved to a Considerable strength, for when once we come to be settled throughly the Country people will fock [*sic*] to us to live under our Goverment the nature of which they are well acquainted with and soe a vast desparity between the Lenity of ours and the Tyrrany of their own of the which we have a pregnant instance in there present flocking to us such abundance as they dayly do.

We have been as Carefull in providing such Lodgings and conveniences for the Rt Honble Compas servants as our imergences would ℔mitt but it could not be expected they should be extraordinary when we ware continualy camping and discamping they have such allowances as are nessesary for the building themselves thatched houses for the present till such time as we shall hear our Rt Honble Masters pleasure concerning buildings must be demolished so that we retrench our expences as much as possible tho to the suffering some present inconveniencies.

At present hear are no Gunnies &ca procurable we shall endeaver at the season to gett as many as possible.

We admire Capt: Batten should be soe positive in a thing when the Nature of it shows its falsity for, as we formerly adviced the sword was Mr. Davenants and was to be brought to an Outcry as all his other things were.

The ship Williamson was ready to fall down the River laden partly wth: rice &ca provisions about the 20 of merch past but the Winds blowing southwardly so strong and he having lost two anchors besides att that time we heard a Ducth ship was cast away goeing out tho, afterwards it proved so falce there was also then a ship belonging to us (bound for Acheen) was lost goeing thrô the New Depths and the ship arrivall bound on the same Voyage was forc'd to come back not being able to proseed and was cast away in the River Capt. Asliby also requesting he might not procead upon wch: sevll: [*a few words lost*] we orderd the ship up again where he [*a few words lost*] heating in [*a word lost*] old so excess [*a few words lost*] board she is now reladen [*a few words lost*] gone in a short time. The Barkly Casttle [*sic*] got safe thrô: the New Depths the 5th: ffeb: last and the Nathaniell the 10 Merch following they ware soe long detained as formerly adviced be the stoppage of our sugar by the Goverments.

We are very sensible wt Ducth reports are and not at all credulous in that respect haveing had experience of their falsity but what we heard of the famine was confermd by soe many hands that we had no reason to doubt of it for we are very sensible of the dangers of varying from Orders. We are exceeding glad the Recovery came at soe welcome a season.

The Hopes your Honr: &ca gives us of procuring a Phirmaund is wt we heartily wish may be done effectually for we cannot expect to have a Curr: trade till we have one and tiss no less our desire but that matters may come to an Honr and speedy conclusion at Surrat.

The new Nabob Bahawder Cawn is arrived and seated at his residency in Dacca on the way he sent down a ℔wanna to the Agent to send up an English man thether to treat with him (we haveing formerly sent o^{r} vuckers [*sic*] to met him beyond Rajamaule upon w^{ch}: we sent up M^{r} Charles Eyre and M^{r} Roger Braddyll they are now lately arrived there the first advices we had from them was yesterday w^{ch}: was that visited the Nabob and his Mutsuddies as also the kings the Nabob was very civill to them he hath refered our Matters wholly to the management of Mellick bur [cour] dar formerly ffonsdar [*sic*] of Hugly but he looks very high expecting an extraordinary Present for the Nabob the Kings Duan still continues his accustomed ffriendship to us but will not move for our being Costome free we rather belive that he will obstruct it we shall in a few dayes see more plainly how matters are like to goe.

The 2300 Rup^{s} of D^{r} Birds with its Interest to 5th: July 1686 is p: M^{r} Richard Trenchfeild according to order The letters from Egib is likewise deliver'd we shall supply yo^{r} Hon^{r}: &c^{a} [*a few words lost*] by all conveniencies.

The ship [*a word or two lost.*] Tho: Walthop Com^{r}: [*a word or two lost*] arrived [*a few words lost*] att the 11 instant [*a few words lost*] ing met [*a few words lost*] boath [*a few words lost*] homward bound she left Bencoulen 21 Jan^{y} 168$\frac{7}{8}$ upon her arrivall we rec$^{d.}$ encouragement to think that she might be fitted in 15 or 20 dayes she having lost a Mast and wanting several things to be done to her to proceed on her voyage the winds hanging eastwardly but finding she is like to be much longer fitting wherefore we presumed to break it open and finding it to be soe indead [*sic*] it is transcrib'd and attested Copies therof sent enclosed to w^{ch}: humbly refer y^{u} the reason of our Breaking open the Packett was that we dust not adveventure [*sic*] the Originals overland.

The Muster of the ffactory we have rec$^{d.}$ and shall endeavour to procure as many as we can of that sort according to Order We are

Hon^{ble}: S^{r}: &c^{a}:
Your most humble Servants
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RICHARD TRENCHFEILD.

JEREMIAH PEACHING [*sic*].

P.S.

Tis matters of admiration to us that M^{r} Davies should soe value himself in Bengala when all the Country know how vastly he is indebted here and things that we found in his house were only meer trumpery and of a very inconsiderable value altho he prises them at suc^{l} an extravagant rate.

J^{o} CHARNOCK.
FF ELLIS.
R: TRENCHFEILD.
J PEACHING.

Chutanutte 30th: June 1688.

To the Hon^{ble} Elihu Yale Esq^{r}
Governor of Fort S^{t} George & the City of Maddrass
and President for affairs of the R^{t} Hon^{ble} English East India Comp^{as}:
over the Coast of Cormandell Bay of Bengala
and the South Seas &c^{a} Councill.

Hon^{ble} S^{r} &c^{a}

Since writting the enclosed have rec^{d} further advices from Dacca Copy of which goes herewith together with our answer thereunto to which humbly refer you.

We are dispatching the sloop Beaufort [*sic*] with all expedition w^{ch}: we hope will reach your Hon^{r} &c^{a} long before this it being the opinion of people here that she mey [*sic*] get to maddrass in three weeks time consideration of w^{ch}: occasions our present

brevity we doubt not but your Hon^{r} &c^{a} will be much offected [*sic*] with our condition God knows how matters will go we are in hopes that a ℔wanna may be procured for the usuall Present for our peaceable trading at present the matter is expressed at large in the two letter [*sic*] rec^{d} and sent to Dacca.

We are unsensible what your Hon^{r} &c^{a} proceedings at Court with the Emperour have been which makes us the more cautious in ours here for we are of opinion that our business may be effected better there then here by reason of the kings nearness to your parts and if we do it here it will doubtless be excessive Chargable for they will expect great matters for the king and the Nabob this Durbar at present being so ill managed and this being a matter of such great consequence we are loath to proceed any more in it than just necessitated without Your Hon^{rs} &c^{a} Orders We are

Hon^{ble} S^{r} : &c^{a}
Your most hum^{ble} : Serv[^{ts}] :
JOB CHARNOCK.
FFRANCIS [ELLIS].
RI : [TRENCHFEILD.]
[J. PEACHEY].

Dacca Aug^{t} 9th 1688

TO THE R^{T} WORP^{LL} JOB CHARNOCK
AGENT AND GOVERNOR FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^{T} HON^{BLE}: COMP^{A} IN THE BAY OF BENGALL &C^{A} COUNCILL.

S^{rs}

Wee come now to reply unto your Worp &c^{a} of 19th and 24th Ult^{o} the receipt wherof ours of 31th Ditto briefly acknowledged.

Of our greivances the Nabob hath had an ample Account by his Duan Lutcheram who saith he seems not backward to redress such therof as are in his power such of your Me^{r}ch^{ts} that are able he promisses to compell to compliance Shasteh Chaan he saith is not in his pwoer [*sic*] nor can he doe more then repsent [*sic*] your sufferings under him to the Emperor and for such abuses as you may have rec^{d} : from Subordinate Governours he knows noe other satisfaction then his promise accompaned wth : his care for a future prevention but he saith hes [*sic*] equally affected wth : your Worp^{s} &c^{a} sufferings and those that have lately brought upon theKings subjects but most of all wth : the indigneneties [*sic*] offered this king the redress but most of all w^{ch} : shall goe hand in hand we replyed that what he urged against us had rec^{d} : a conclution during Shasteh Chaans Goverment amongst other things by agreement made wth abdul Summud w^{ch} [h]oped [*sic*] he would confirm [said?] he how can you pretented [*sic*] to that admitting said Contract valid when thers nothing mentioned therein concerning either damage sustain'd by the King or his subjects but that was only by way of admission for he apprehended that agrement in itself invaled and that the favourables[t] Construction that could be put upon it only amounted unto Abdul Summuds promise to procure you 12 Articles wth : out mentioning what from [*a word lost*] Nabob and that we should reside and trade in [*a word or two lost*] according to [Cust] ome, a contradiction [*a few words lost*] the articles wer to be [*a few words lost*] then he is able to Performe was in itself void Shasteh Chaan absolutely refusing and indeed wanting power to confirm it he and all Subas governing the Country by Commission from the King to preserve the Antient Custume thereof and to administer justice to his subjects and these objections lying against it hee thought it unreasonable for us to urge the same that he had condesended as far as in reason he could

(the w^ch^ if your Worp^s^ &c^a^ thought not reason he could endeavour to make his [sword ?] the moderatore) by granting such things as lay in his pwoer [*sic*] and writing to the king aboute such as did not soe that he franckly ackowledges what your Worp^s^ &c^a^ very well notes that tis not in the power of any Suba in Bengall to accommodate your buissnes tho if it be once done fully was it by force of mony and by means of the suba surely none of his Successours can make it a president excepting you have the same Necessity of his favour as you have now your Worp^s^ &c^a^ very well observes the avariatious temper of this Suba the Case of most or indeed all those Mercenary Goverments this king is constrained to make use of to keep in subjection his farr distant and new conquerd dominions a people of another Nation coming in ecpetation [*sic*] to raise their fortunes by the advantages of Goverment and sale of Intrice to prevent w^ch^ the utmost care of their King hath [been ?] inafectuall [*sic*] we can but admire the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ highly Laudable resolutions to shake off this tiranicall yoke and not to submit unto such dishonourable termes as other Christian Nations still doe and they have formerly done by suffering those avaritious Governours and their own occasion [s?] to extort from them presents at pleasure loce [*sic*] heartyly pray the means they propose may be soe sundsfully applyed as to answer their ends but untill then your Worp^s^ &c^a^ cannot expect to reap the fruits thereof nor that these people hopes (what they are we have formerly mentioned) will cease untill either they be effectually vanquished or in some measure answ [*a few letters lost*] therfore all circu[mstances con]sidered we think [*a few words lost*] though [*a few words lost*] aside [*a few words lost*] rable [*a few words lost*] Wee are heartily glad the Warr at Surrat [is] brought to [so] happy a cconclusion hopeing Bengall may be included in that Phirmaund your Worp^s^ letter was dd unto the Kings Duan by Us who replyed that he could take no notice of the Phirmaund untill its arrivall that he much questioned whither it might extend unto Bengall but more to our circumstances or no in that the king is bound for the Custome he receives from them in equity to protect his people and cannot forgive any damage sustain'd by them we likewise dd his Worp^s^: letter to Maleek Borcordar who is one of our maine opposers the loss of the kings treasure he often repeats and the damage sustained in his ships Cargo we have objected against him having Plundered the R^t^ Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: servants of a farr greater [sume ?] who replyed that if your Worp^s^ &c^a^ would answere all future demands made by them he consented to deduct the same and now having given your Worp^s^ &c^a^ these people replyes to your sundry demands we shall give you an account of their proceedings Melick borcordar pressed us hard to give our answer to three demands first that the making Warr upon the Kings Country mentioning sundry Acts of hostillity we pay a fine to the King of 200,000^rs^ 2^dly^ that we restore all things taken during the Warr w^ch^: came to your Worp^s^ &c^a^ knowledge thirdly that we live futurely in the Kings like Merchants and subjects the 2 former we answerd w^th^ a petion for redress of greivnces and respit rem^os^: untill we could have answere from Maddrass unto their demands unto the last we answer'd that untill our one security obliged us to defend ourselves we had lived peaceably and patiently passed by many oppressions that we could live according to the contract that should be concluded but we came into the Country upon conditions, and not simply to submit unto their laws and Coustomes w^ch^ questionless they as well as was [*a few words lost*] and that we [ought] our subjection to [*a few words lost*] they found already [*a few words lost*]. To protect us and procure us just satisfaction for any damages we would sustein by their violations.

Mellick was much displeased at this and went to the Kings Duan and Boremul before whome he justified his proceedings and [acc ?] used us much of injustice and abstinacy threatning us w^th^ imprisonment and your Worp^s^ &c^a^ w^th^ immediate Warr saying that so much [as] the name of English should not remaine in Bengall the kings Duan willed him to consider what he did and said twas convenient to give us some time to consid[er] what would most conduce to our Interest Wee replyed we had power to give no other answere then we had done he said twas very unadvisedly done of us after such a breach to venture into the Country upon such improbable conditions but that we should have 20^d^ time more in w^ch^: they would take for a finall [*sic*] Melick seemed to consent tho we belive to the Nabob he much opposed it who next day in open Court

was very hott and ordered 700 Horse to joyne w^th^ such forces as Abdul Raumauth Chaan and Ally Eckbur had about Burdwaan and Hugly w^th^ w^ch^ they ware to endeavour to expell you the Country w^ch^: had then been put in execution wee belive had not the Duan objected against it that force ought to be his ultimate remedy and pressed ha[r]d for the twenty days unto w^ch^ the Nabob at last consented and at night sent for us doubtless being before instructed by Mallick he expressed himselfe exceeding affectionate to all strangers but more particularly to our Nation haveing held a very amiable Correspondancy w^th^ his Excellency the Gennerall during his residence in those parts for whom he retained a singular kindness and to whose justice he would have commited this business and awaited his coming undstanding he was designed for these parts had it not so nighly concerned the honour of the King and the complaints of the people be soe great that it hath not been known that Merchants had committed such outrages in any Princes country especially whe[n] they have rec^d^ such favours Shriven so well as [*a word or two lost*] w^th^: our suffer [*a word or two lost*] Shesteh Caun [*a few words lost*] excuse [*a few words lost*] kind to [*a word or two lost*] errors our obstinate perseverence [drew ?] away [*a word or two lost*] from our past Offences not seeing what could [*a word or two lost*] any hopes did we think that we had Shasteh Caun [*a word lost*] deale w^th^: or w^ch^: way did we expect to effect them wee had noe sooner comenc'd a quarrell but the french came and courted them for trade who tho as yett seemd [*sic*] inconcisiderable [*sic*] yet their favour and incouragement might soon raise them as it had done us that one thing w^ch^: formerly requiered their care was the little shipping they had of w^ch^: you have eas'd them he said the troubles had damaged the Hon^ble^ Comp^as^. 50 Lahack of Rupes considering the forbearance of trade &c^a^ he will'd us to consider these things, not for his advantage save that it behooved him to take care of the peace and vellfare of the kings people for that the King had upwards of twenty thousands soldiers in pay allwayes in Bengall and the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ he understood [had ?] effects enought to satisfie all damages and returne him answere in twenty daies after w^ch^: if your Worsp^s^ &c^a^ complyed not he would endeavour to expell you the Country and gave order and [for ?] bid all [commerce ?] and your buying more provisions then might suffise from day to day.

Boremull the next day sent for us who said the Kings Duan and himself had taken our business into consideration and that now it hastened to a peried [*sic*] he bid us consider that they ware both well wishers to us hear much himself endeavoured to compose unsuccessfully our late troubles and that the Duan not only kept the brunt of the Warr off you but diverted the fault upon Shasteh Chaan and these and such like arguments he used to convince us of their sincerity and after said he knew you would hardly part with mony and the business could not be composed without therefore they feared the 2^d^ breach and your totall expulsion to prevent w^ch^. they proposed to you Worsp^s^ &c^a^ to dd the goods in ceass amounting to 40 or 50,000^rs^. upon your disbusting [*sic*] sume to satisfie Melick [Borc] ordar Hackum [*a word lost*] and one or to more [*a few words lost*] would mannly oppose one [*a few words lost*] thought might cost 25 or 30,000^rs^ w^th^. the remainder Boremull belives he can stop the Subas Mouth and procure him to write for a Phirmaund w^ch^ the Duan promises not to oppose and to conclude the Kings piscush for 50000^rs^ to be paid six months after the arrivall of the Phirmaund w^ch^: agreement is to be avoid [*sic*] providing it procured already or by any other Interest and twowads [*sic*] satisfying this 50000 ^rs^ they promise all asistance towards the recovering in the R^t^ Hon^ble^: Comp^as^: remainds and that what possible shall be restored of the 44000^rs^ forced|acco^t^: the Cassum's quarrell besides w^ch^: we cannot but put your Worp^s^ &c^a^ in mind of the great danger a very considerable sume is in here if a 2^d^ Warr happenss if your Worp^s^ &c^a^ consent hereunto Buremul [*sic*] assures us of all the favour both in Duans and his power but if you doe not they have the satisfaction of performing the part of friends and remind you answer w^th^: in the limited time saying they had brought themselves into a busines by w^ch^: neither of them hopes to have other gaines then the satisfaction at least to have endeavor'd the restauration of all to peace and quietness they further told us that Abdul Summuds Articles were not to be insisted upon giveing much such reasons as did the Nabob Duan.

Mirga Mudduffer is departed for Agra and the King reported to have left Visapoare and to be Merching towards Hindoostan designing for Candahar Wee are

R^t^ Worp^ll^ &c^a^ S^rs^
Your most obed^t^ Servants
CHARLES EYRE.
RICH : BRADDYLL.

Chutanutte [the] 21^th^ August 1688.

TO THE HON^BLE^ : ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^ GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T^· GEORGE AND THE CITY OF MADDRASS & PRESIDENT FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^ HON^BLE^ EAST INDIA COMP^A^ OVER THE COAST OF CORMANDELL BAY OF BENGALL AND THE SOUTH SEAS &C^A^ COUNCILL.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ &c^a^·

Our lastt to your Hon^r^ &c^a^ was on the 27^th^ : and 30^th^ : June overland when wee gave your Honour an Account of then [*sic*] needfull Originalls & Copies of what then sent come herewith to w^ch^ : humbly refer you. On the 17^th^ past arrived the ship Recovery Cap^t^ John Hampton Commander by whom rec^d^ : you Hon^rs^ : &c^a^ Gen^ll^ : of 6^th^ : and 15^th^ June last w^ch^ : the sever^l^ : stores &c^a^ : sent on her and shall Credit you for their Amount according to order they came at a welcome season we being quite out.

We have hopes that we are included in the Surratt Phirmaund tho as yett noe advices of it altho lately rec^d^ : a Gen^ll^ from M^r^ Harris &c^a^ : there which mentions the arrivall of a Phirmaund to the Gen^ll^ but the Porport [*sic*] of it was not then known Copy of the said Gen^ll^ goes herewith for your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ ℔usall but if we are not included twill Doubtless create further charge & a trouble for the Goverment here mind not your ratified treaties no other wise then to them break when they please as our Hon^r^ &c^a^ will plainly ℔ceive by the enclosed Copy of the Dacca Dyary.

Wee are endeavering [*sic*] to provide Packing stuff but this being not the season none at present being procureable but shall forward some as sone [*sic*] as possible as also Provissions by the W^m^ : son who was againe laden w^th^ : Rice &c^a^ ready to goe about a month since but the [*a few words lost*] so violently [*a word or two lost*] very dangerous adven [*a few words lost*] thought convenient she should be detained till they are something over when we shall not keep her longer her Cargo being ready [a part] aboard & the [rest to] be carried downe to be Laden in Deep Water supose she may fall downe the River about the latter End of 4 month nor shall we neglect any opper-tunity of supplying you futurily w^th^ : Provisions to the utmost of our power we observe your want of Mango boards for Mussoola Boats but Cap^t^ Hampton tells us tis Tamerind boards that are proper for s^d^ : Boats w^th^ : which he acquainted your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : when questioned about it that we may send the right we have orderd boath to b[e] provided according to the sev^ll^ order'd dementions persuming no loss will occur thereby.

Wee have all along been more than ordinary cautious in respect of giveing out mony beforehand for provission of goods being sensible of the great hazzard of it the Governm^t^ being so unstable in all their Treaties for w^ch^ : reasons we have not been less wary in sending English men up into the Country and the way of Merchandize in this Country being to give out mony beforehand & no people in the world are more obstinate then these in defending an old Custome when tending to their own Interest so w^th^ great difficulties upon that score But the main obstacle that presents itself is the ℔missive trade the manadges therof being so violent giveing out mony aforehand w^ch^ : as aforesaid we never yett ventur'd to doe w^ch^ : makes the Merchants not care to bring any goods to us. We hitherto endeavour to bring down the trade from Hugly to this place and we had formerly contracted w^th^ : sev^l^ accordingly w^ch^ : was at very

reasonable rates but now upon this rumour and that severall Thousands Pouds more coming out some of them fly from their Contracts since the price of goods is so much risen so that we cannot in all probability be abl [*sic*] to get any considerable quantity of goods especially if the Nabob Molest us [we] hall endevour what possible [*a few words lost*] at large [*a few words lost*] Detriment of the R^t^Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ Moreover the Nabob seeing us so eager after trade may well deffer and accommodation and stand upon larger demands imagining that we cant well subsist w^th^ out it. On the 17^th^ : Curr^t^ rec^d^ advices from Dacca dated the 9^th^ D^o^ : giving an Acco^t^ of the Nabobs proceedings there or rather of Mellick burcourdars (our most implacable Enemy who formerly swore revenge on the English on the death of his brother Mahomod Cawn by whome the Nabob is ruld [*sic*] in this our business yo^r^ Hon^r^ : &c^a^ will ℔ceive their great huffing God knows what their methords [*sic*] will be upon the Expiration of the limitted 20 days tho we are of opinion that they will hardly be so violent as they threaten unless they have the Kings Ord^rs^ and we hope much from the ffriendship of the Kings Duan and incline to belive as he hath been in, apperance at least, some occasion of the moderating their proceedings at present so we belive he will continue his good will to us especialy [*sic*] so farr as the Kings and our Interest are linked together for he is very sensible of the greatness of our trade and consequently of the benifitt therby accrewing to the King all which induce us to hope that matters will be brought to that height so suddenly Copy of the s^d^ letter comes herew^th^ : for your Hon^r^ &c^a^ ℔usal.

Wee shall observe the Judgment for the delivery of Arthur Seamors ship but at present she is laden w^th^ : the R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^as^ : Timber and Plank and we shall have obsolute occassion for her to Lade the Williamson when thats done shall deliver her up it had been well since the R^t^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : occassions doe require that they might have had the refusall of her the saphire not being returned hither The Revenge and Mary being sunck [at] Hidgly [& ?] the Endeav^r^ : and Jingerlee haveing been lately broake up here as being unserviceable such small vessells being most usefull to us for the [River.]

[*About two lines lost*] which being mislaid was not sent w^th^ : our last Wee Remaine

Hon^ble^ : [Sir &c^a^]

Your most hum^ble^ : Serv^ts^
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
JEREMIAH [PEACHY.]

The Goa arrack is leaked out the best part of it and the rest of it is sower soe that we are never the better for it.

J.C.
F.E.
J.P.

THE HONO^BLE^ : ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVENER FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R^T^ HONO^BLE^ : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY & GOVENER OF FORT S^T^ GEORGE &C^A^ COUNCIL.

Hono^ble^ S^r^ &c^a^.

My Last to you was of y^e^ 29^th^ of June wherein I Gave your Hon^or^ : &c^a^ an Acco^t^ : of my arrivall here y^e^ 11^th^ of June Expecting to dispatch out of the Rever [*sic*] in too m^os^ time but being forst [to] unlaide my Pepper from one Ship to another and thence to unlade them and Carray it to their Godownes which being new and moist brake Down and folling amongst y^e^ Pepper which must needs damnifye much of the

Pepper I know nothing as yet to the Contrary but that I shall take it in again for Maddrass as soon as the ship is fitted which will be I hope at furthest in a months time I being forest to sheath, [*nearly two lines lost*] Purpose [*a few words lost*] and when fitted she will be [*a few words frayed away*] for 4 or 5 [*a few words lost*] that she [*a few words lost*] give [*a few words lost*] had not some of my men one of them [*a few words lost*] Irons abord y^e^ Williamson after [*a few words lost*] by the ord^r^ of Agent [*a few words lost*] taken up Arms in the Comp^as^ service and since two of them run away to y^e^ Moors the boat swaine & one more I have buried Since in the River this is what affairs [*sic*] at Prs^t^: I [conclude].

R^t^ Hono^ble^: &c^a^

Chuttanutta 23^th^ August. Your most humble & faithful Serv^t^:

THO: WALTHROPE.

P.S.

Sir Since the foregoeing I have sent a box of writings by the Agent & Councils Ord^r^: w^th^: a Key inclosed which y^e^ Agent deliverd me.

To THE HON^BLE^: ELIHU YALE
PRESID^t^: OF FORT S^T^ GEORGE
COAST OF CORMANDELL BAY OF BENGALLA &C^A^.

The foregoeing is Coppy of our last since which on y^e^ 26^th^ instant was received A perticuler Letter from his Ex^cy^ our Gen^ll^ to Agent Harris whereing [*sic*] is advised y^t^ the difference between him and the Portugues was for y^e^ Present some w^t^ over with this Caution that wee need not send our Letters to him under that Privat maner of Persion make and Superscription as formerley directed till y^e^ 10^th^ of 7^ber^ next & then again to be Cautious he likewise adviseth of y^e^ severall runaways from Bombay as ℔ encloased list two whereof Guy Holland & Robert Close are y^e^ more Criminall by reason they run away from y^e^ Island last year & Coming into these Parts wee secured them & sent them down to Bombay and [through his] Ex^cys^: goodness upon many [*about a line lost*] by him Gratiously [*a few words lost*] again [*about a line lost*] any of them Coume into your Juridiction you are desired to seiz and secure y^m^ Till upon y^r^ advise you understand his Ex^cy^: our Gen^ll^: [*a word or two lost*] pleasure the P^mo^ Instant Imported Bombay Ship Jonas A small freeship w^ch^ hath been out of England ever Sence March Last was 12 months soe that nothing of fresh news can be expected from hir. No news as yet of Ship Society our affairs here in Surratt are now at a stand. But every day demonstrates more & more the basnes of the Nabob towards us he not ℔forming his Ssollemn promisces of getting us a new Phirmaund In the name of the English w^th^ the rectification of the severall deffects in that allready Ari [ved] here The originall whereof remains at present in y^e^ Nabobs hands th [*sic*] Eddies being returned the pretended reasons of our not haveing hitherto another Phirmaund is that Abdell Gophoore and Mear Nezomme our [*a word lost*] Enimyes and Surratt Merch^ts^ being at present at Court hath found wayes to put a stop to the Comeing down thereof but how true wee Know not by other Circumstances of their Actions at Court Come to our Knowledg carryes great probabillity that it may be so The Nabob is Still mighty earnest for the Gen^lls^ coming up weather proveing so very tempestuous cannot reasonably be expected in some time. This being w^t^ wee have of moment to advise at present wee remain

Suratt August y^e^ 24^th^ 1688. Your very Loveing frds & hum^ble^ Serv^ts^.

Hono^ble^ Sir &c^a^

Wee have wrote your Hon^r^: &c^a^ by Severall conveyances under the 9^th^ of May 6^th^ & 14^th^ of June 28^th^ of July y^e^ 24^th^ Aug^t^ in all which we have from time to time advised your Hon^r^ &c^a^ all occurrances &c^a^ of these parts worthy your Knowledge wee come to acquaint [*a word lost*] y^t^ yesterday in y^e^ [*a word or two lost*] wee rec^d^

Letters [*a line or two lost*] [Reitterated] invitation & lately sending [*a word or two lost*] Bombay his under Customer for [*a word or two lost*] in order to his Voyage up to this Rivers mouth and this [*a few words lost*] morning wee here [*sic*] from thence [*a word or two lost*] was safely arrived for which God be [praised] and [*a word or two lost*] little time wee shall See w^t^ all y^e^ Nabobs fair promices [*sic*] &c^a^ will produce The Hon^ble^ Tho Michell by a Comision from y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^ Comp^a^ lately rec^d^ by a small Ship John & Mary of y^e^ 28^th^ Sep^ber^ last was 12 months was made their Presid^t^ of North India Dep^ty^· Gov^r^· of Bombay [during] his Exc^ys^· Stay here on this Coast but after [wards] Gov^r^· of the same where wee understand he at present is other advices of moment we have not Wee doe not here of any Thing that hath past yet further betwen y^e^ Gen^ll^· & y^e^ Portuguez We Subscribe

Your very Lo: frds. & hum^ble^:
Servants
BAR°: HARRIS.

Surratt the October 1688. SAM ANNESLY.

Chutanutte 3^d^ Sept^r^ 1688.

To THE HON^BLE^: ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^
GOVEN^R^ OF FORT S^T^ GEORGE & Y^E^ CITY OF MADRASS
& PRSIDENT [*sic*] FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E^
R^T^ HON^BLE^ ENG^SH^: EAST INDIA COMP^A^
OVER Y^E^ COAST OF CORMANDALL BAY OF BENGALL
& Y^E^ SOUTH SEAS &C^A^ COUNCILL.

Hon^ble^ S^r^ &c^a^.

Our last to your Hon^r^· &c^a^· was y^e^ 20^th^ Ulto by y^e^ francis Cap^t^ Bowry when wrote y^o^ then each of all Coppey Coums Here incloused since w^ch^ Vz^t^ on y^e^· 15^th^ D^o^ arrived the Princess of Denmark in Ballasore Road haveing as Cap^t^: Haddoch advises been Detained by ill weather at Vizagapatam by whome we rec^d^ yo^r^ Hon^r^· &c^a^· Gen^l^: of the 13^th^ July y^e^ Gen^ls^· return to Surrat Gives us to hope y^t^ the Phirmaund is Good and Satisfactory.

We have formorley [*sic*] advised you our Reasons of our sending no oftner ad[vices of] divers Cossids of y^e^ Dutch and french haveing returned occassioned by the Difficulties they met with in y^e^ way y^e^ Countryes they ware to pass being in wars.

Some few days since came advices of y^e^ arrivall of four ☥ wannes from y^e^ Nabob to y^e^ ffousdars of Hugly Ballasore Burdwan & Crowry of Hugly y^t^ they raise forces & narrowly eye the English w^ch^· hath occassioned a great tumult amongst us, many of the Black people haveing Deserted us, tis not known with [*sic*] y^e^ Nabobs real intentions are tho' we are of opinion that these his prosedings are only a bounce thinking thereby to huff us into compliance with his unjust Demands we are & have benn [*sic*] sever^l^: Days past securing y^e^ R^t^· Hono^ble^· Comp^a^ Concerns on bord Ship in Case of y^e^ worst but we are to much Coumbered with such great quantities of Europe Goods as Lead Broad Cloth &c^a^ the latter of which of necessity Must dayly receive great Dammage that we shall hardly be able to secure all in Case we should leve [*sic*] the place & our troubles altogeather hinder our Disposal of it but such Great quantities are never vendible in y^e^ best of times wee rec^d^: advices on y^e^: 1^st^: Currant from Hugly from the Buxee there which is there Wocca or Diary news of Sultane Azzum Janas Sonns Coming Suba to this place and y^e^ present Nabob faggard and that there is on Sophia Cawn who was formerly Nabob of Pattana a very Good man & his harbinger is Expected to arrive in 40 Dayes more if this news be trew [*sic*] w^ch^: is probable haveing been talkd of Som Considirable time it may much stop the Rigour of y^e^ Nabobs proceedings so y^t^ under such Dubious Circomstances we Cannot promise y^e^ makeing any Considirable investment tho hope in case Matters can be something accommodated to invest y^e^ R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^a^: present Stock w^th^: us & shall as our occasions will admitt observe your order For y^e^ Disposal of y^e^ Europe Shipping.

We observe w^t^ you write Concerning Encourageing y^e^ ℔missive Trade which we are Sensible as tis now managd Doth more Dammage y^e^ R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : affaires Then y^e^ Prffitt [*sic*] of ffreight can Countervase wherefore we humbly Conceive y^t^ it was y^e^ Intentions of y^e^ R^t^ Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : y^t^ as the Concerne is manag'd Jointly by theme at home (the Goods being to be sold by themselves at their Candle) So likewise that there should not to buyers here in time of Peace Thereby to Inhance y^e^ Price of Goods w^ch^ : (as formerley advised) it hath to a verey Considerable matter & hath been (next our Troubles) y^e^ Great occasion of our not providing Goods to a far Larger quantity.

Many of the Portiguse [*sic*] Soulders y^t^ Came from Madrass have so much Mony advanc'd there wivefs [*sic*] & Relations there y^t^ y^e^ Remainder is not a Competency for their Subsistance here wherefore we are forc'd monthly to pay them ½ for their maintenance w^ch^ : we advise y^t^ your Hon^r^ &c^a^ : may Rectifie the matter there.

We begin to be in want of ffactores Stores haveing Lost a great quantity in y^e^ Last war, we Desire y^r^ Hon^r^ & woul suppley us by y^e^ first Conveniency we Remaine

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ &c^a^

Your most Humble Serv^ts^ :
JOB CHARNOCK.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
JEREMIAH PEACHY.

Conimeire y^e^ 8 Sep 1688

To THE HON^BLE^ : ELIHU YALE ESQ^R^
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^ : &C^A^ : COUNCELL.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ &c^a^ :

We have two of your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : before us to which we shall Respectfully Reply & first to y^e^ buisnesse that is most materiall to give a full account of our proceedings w^th^ : these Merch^ts^ : about y^e^ Contract proposd [*sic*] w^ch^ : we have incessanly [*sic*] urged to them both by menaces & fair perswasions but they Stil stand off & are inflexible w^ch^ they let us they have great reason for when tis soe apparent that they shall be ruind by accepting of such offers as we make them y^e^ contract being for soe great a quantity of Cource goods y^e^ Charge of providing w^ch^ will be all one to them as if fine and the proffit thereon soe small y^t^ twill not defray the same and that the French and Dutch are likewise providing the same sorts w^ch^ : will now raise y^e^ price from y^e^ Weavers for Europ [*sic*] goods tis apparent what losse they shall have theron when broad Cloth ord^ry^ : Sells for 10 Pag^os^ : ℔ p^s^ : 50 p^s^ yesterday being sold at y^e^ same rate in this town we desire you will please to beleive that wee have not been Negligent in this business but according to your orders have Endeavourd to make a spedey [*sic*] Conclusion w^th^ : them and as yet can bring them to no other terms then these to be paid ½ in Pag^os^ : ¼ in Silver and ¼ Europ goods w^ch^ : are only to be Scarlet & broad Cloath ord^ry^ : red & Aurora noe other Coulers for Corall and Lead they have soe much remaining on their hands that they Cannot meddle with it and would be willing if they Could find a Marget for it to lose Considerably therby Soe they might Clear themselves thereof & y^e^ Callicoes they will provide is Pag^os^ : 8000 in Neckcloths of 16 to a P^s^ Pag^os^ : 800 in comeeses and Pag^os^ : 24000 in all Sorts of Longcloth & Sallampores ord^ry^ : y^e^ prices both of y^e^ Europe goods & Callicos to be accordaing [*sic*] to y^e^ last Contract w^ch^ : is the utmost they [*a word or two lost*] will or Can doe [*a word or two lost*] accident has happnd w^ch^ : likewise dishartens them Gopall Pundet being come down Subidar of Porto Novo &c^a^ : adjacencies who they fear will Stop their goods in y^e^ Countrey and prove as troublesome in his Goverm^t^ as he was before.

Upon considerations of the foregoing wee made tryall of the Codalour Merch^ts^ giveing them as fair words as we Could to encourage them to undertake y^e^ investment according as your Hon^r^ &c^a^ : has proposed wherby they Could get Soe great a Credit as allwayes to be in your favour who said they were very ambitious to Serve

the Rt: Honble: Compa: but it was impossible for them to oblige themselves to bring their goods to this place wch: would certainly be obstructed by the Divans officers who would not Suffer them to wth:draw the traid [*sic*] from their first residence wch: is soe evident a loss to them in their Customes but if they can be Serviceable to ye Rt: Honble: Compa: at Codalour they are ready to ye utmost of their power and ye Porto-novo Merchts: say that they care not to engage themselves in any new businesse before there [*sic*] old Contract is Concluded which was the Cheif Cause of their Comeing hither.

Mr Swynoke cares not wch: way he takes to Shift of the just blame that he &ca deserve for not Sending ye remaines of Codalour Factory hither according to order wch: wee severall times urged them to as you may please to see by the Parragraphs of Sevll: letters Sent them to wch: please to be refird [*sic*] but it was imposible ye Compa business should goe forward as it aught [*sic*] to doe when there Privat animosities were such as they Could not give each other a good word when they met thereabout and now fearing since Gopall Pundit is Coming down to be Subidar of those Parts he may raise pretences to seiz on wt: he can find in ye: ffactory wee thought it very Conveniant to Send Mr Holcombe thither to treat wth: ye Avaldar who wee doubt not but will be more active therein then any of those that ware before orderd to carry on yt businesse and we hope in a Short time to here of his good Successe.

We will try allwaies we can to draw our englishmen from ye Camp but wee doubt our endeavours will prove ineffectuall and more latly haveing gone ye same way and those two wee adviesd [*sic*] formerly to have Caught shall keep in Irons til any oppertunity of sending them to Fort it being impossible to keep English Souldiers here the Camp being so near from whence they have privat correspondance one wth another.

Wee continued aboard Capt: Inglish 6500 Sticks of billit wood he took in at Codalour wch: wee hope will answer ye Accot if not hope you please to take Sattisfaction of him he being by agreement to receive Pagos: 15 for the freight its first Cost at Codalour being chargd noe more then Pagos: 5—30 fanms: herewith goes an Accot: Drawn out by Mr. Ingram of Mr Robt: Cranwells omission and he being now at the Fort be pleasd to require him to give your Honr: &ca: Sattisfaction thereabout.

Wee are in great want of paper &ca: ffactors provesions [*sic*] which be bleasd [*sic*] t[o] furnish us with a fit oppertunity.

Herewith goes copys of our Dyares & consultations for the months of June & July wch: beeing [*sic*] all wee have a [*sic*] present to advise desire to Subscribe

Honble. Sr &ca

Your most obedient Servants

JOHN NICKS.

JOHN DEVETT.

Conimeere the 10th Septbr: 1688.

To the Honble: Elihu Yale Esqr.
President & Govern: &cA: Councell.

Honble: Sr &ca:

Mr Simon Holcombe arrived here yesterday from Codalour and brought us the acceptable news of the goods being cleard from thence and are now come Safe to our hands which was granted for a present of Pagos 52 and Doubtless might have been done at first for a considerable lesse summe if the gentlemen then there had been master of soe much discretion to goe the right way to worke.

Herewith goes the wanting copys of our Genll. Books those [*a word or two lost*] behind at Codalour wee shall hasten as much as wee can but [*a word or two lost*] for that use is much wan [*a word or two lost*] ell as for all other of [*a few words lost*] advised in our last and [*a few words lost*] please to send us [*a few words lost*] supply [*a line lost*].

Wee have been as flugall [*sic*] as possiable of the Pag^{os}: 1000 you were pleasd to suppl [*sic*] us with last and are now again out of cash soe that to clear M^{r} Ingrams debt at Codalour occasioned by the Shipping the goods off from thence and for this factory Expences wee have been forceed [*sic*] to take up Pag^{os}: 500 at Intrest til you are pleasd to take us into consideration.

The Portonovo Merch^{ts}· complain they lye here at a great charge and desire that there acco^{ts}: may be Settled and Satisfaction made them for what wee have yet to receive from them on the old contract they have had there full proportion of Europe goods on y^{e} same and if you will not admit of receiveing any more fine goods they desire you will please to permitt them to redeliver the overplus of Europe goods the have received in proportion to the Callicoes they have deliverd for y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: acco^{ts}· and pay them ready mony for them wee have discourse [*sic*] them largly about this business but not at all to there Sattisfaction which must lye on your Hon^{or}: &c^{a}: to be only Judges of and is what wee have at present needfull to advise Soe Subscribe

Hon^{ble}: S^{r} &c^{a}:

Your most obedient Serv^{ts}:

JOHN NICKS.

SIMON HOLCOMBE.

JOHN DEVETT.

Translate of a Letter from the Governour of Metchlepatam Meerraa Mahomed to the Hon^{ble}: Elihu Yale Esq^{r} President & Gove^{er}· of Fort S^{t} George, Noe Date.

I enjoy good heth [*sic*] and Should be very glad to here the like from you hon^{r}· some of your Peones brought a letter to your factory braminy wheerin you write that some Semen belonging to your Shiping run away and your Hon^{r}: orderd him to have them secured and sent to you your Brameny brought the letter and Read it to me upon which I made inquire and found y^{t} [severall] Englishmen came down heither and after they [*a few words lost*] deal of Jingele to the Country People [*a few words lost*] to Metchlepatam [*nearly two lines lost*] and the same day Nabob Alle madaown Cawne from Chicca[cul] came to Cundapelle where I accompained him and rec^{d}: the aforsaid newes and Nabob Alle mardawn Cawn sent severall Peons and horsemen with me to Metchlepatam seize them but sence [*sic*] they went to deve they did not meddle with any People neither did the devans people Concerns themselves with them but upon my arrivall at Matchlapatam I sent severall Peones to secure and bring them to me who went that night to Ingadoove and upon theire return brought me newes that abought [*sic*] 12 at night they ran away for Golconda but two dayes after I was advised that two of them came to the dutch factory and after the arrival of your Peones they went I know not whether upon which Inquired of Dutch what became of them who took their oaths they knew not where the [*sic*] was gone that day the Sevean Englishmen were at deve two English Ships came into Matchlapatam rode [*sic*] and the town people being fearfull Accquainted the Nabob of their arrivall upon which y^{e} Nabob sent forces to Matchlepatam I knew not for what reasons your Hon^{r}: removed your People from Matchlapatam if your Hon^{r}: has any request to make to the mighty allumgeeir why dose not your Hono^{r} send your egib either to him at Visapoare or to the generall of Golcondah and procure a Phermaund according to your one desire and Continu your ffactoryes according to Sallabad how long dose your Hon^{r}: Designe to delay the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: businesse in this maner which does but encourage Idle people to Proceed in their rogries by land and Sea Sink all Vessells under the name of the English and at Sea Sink all Vessells they can overpower and hinder merch^{ts} from Traiding and bring you into a bad request your Hon^{rs} businesse is with th King and his generals and his your business is accomadateed why Should poor Merch^{ts} Suffer by y^{e} ill proseedings of Nabob Alle merdawn Cawnes Government extends from golcondah to Chiccacull Carling Ragamundree ellour metchlepatam & Pettypolee and his opinion is that if your Hon^{r}: will send an egib to the devan your business will be accomodated according to your owne desires w^{ch} when it is done you may remain in

your ffactoryes and Carry on your trade w^th^ a contented heart according to Sallabad being a wellwisher to your Hon^r^ : and deserour [*sic*] of your frendship therefore I give your Hon^r^ : this frindly advice.

Translate of a letter from Nandagam Vencoe and Alle Potena the R^t^ Hon^bles^ : Comp^as^ : brameny and dubash from Metchlepatam to the Hon^ble^ : Elihu Yale Esq^r^ President and Governour of fort S^t^ George dated y^e^ 10^th^ of October 1688.

By your Hon^rs^ : favouer [*sic*] we injoy good health and wish to here the like from your Hon^r^ latly by your Hon^r^ : twenty Peones we advised of Passages here w^ch^ wee hope your Hon^r^ has consider'd of the two English [*a word or two lost*] are gon away but whether by land or Sea wee [know] not encloasied we send your Hon^r^ : the Govenor [*a few words lost*] Metchlepatam lett [*a few words lost*] wee sent [*a few words lost*] a letter by [*about a line lost*] Lately the Dutch Comissary arrived here & ordered Sen^r^ : Halmond to Stay out of the ffactory which he did and Lives now in the house he formerly did live in latley [*sic*] three boats w^th^ Gram Came from the Coast of gingerlees belonging to him w^ch^ : the Commissary Seized on and put the grame [*sic*] in y^e^ ffactory w^ch^ is y^e^ news this place at present affords So wee desire your Hon^r^ further Command.

Vizagapatam y^e^ 11^th^ Oct^er^ 1688.

To the Hon^ble^ : Elihu Yale Esq^r^.
President and Govern^r^ : &c^a^ Councill.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ & [*sic*]

Ours of the 31^th^ July and 20^th^ August gave your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ an acc^t^ : of our transactions from our arrivall Since which little hath happend Save that M^r^ Fleatwood after near a months Stay at Checcacull returned the 6^th^ inst. in the evening which [*sic*] the Sier Lascars Cowl coppy whereof hereincloasd [*sic*] as allsoe an accont of his proceedings there to which wee humbly referr & hop it will meet with your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : approbation since therein wee have usd [*sic*] the best of our endeavours and hope the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^as^ : business will now go on currantly without the Expence of any great present for the future.

The Merch^ts^ : are very backward in bringing in there investment through the great mortality of the weavers and troubles in the Countrey wee daly Press them forward and they promise fairley [*sic*] but fear they will hardly comply with the whole nothing shall be wanting on our parts incite them to itt our greatest care now being to get what possibly we can ready for the first Convenience.

Raza Sumbraden Standing in defiance to the Sear [*sic*] Lascar denys all maner of trade in his Country So that we have att present no hopes of any Ebbony from thence but doe now here that Some is to be procured next month in other parts not farr of which shall inquire after & provide as much as can be brought down in time.

Herewith wee remitt your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : double Coppys of the Gen^ll^ Books Cloasd [*sic*] th [*sic*] 30^th^ Aprell [*sic*] last which are forced to send unbound the mutche being lately dead as Allso coppy of our Cons [*a few words lost*] Diary and Aco^t^ Cash from y^e^ 26^th^ July to the [*a few words lost*] Acc^t^ : Currant [*about a line or two lost*] should [*about a line lost*] concluded with y^e^ Seir Lascar Sooner and this being all that offers at present humbly crave leave to Subcribe

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ &c^a^.

Your Hon^rs^ : most Obedient Serv^ts^ :

John Stables.
W^m^ : Hall.
Dan^l^ : DuBois.
Charles Fleetwood.

To the Hon^ble Elihu Yale Fs^q^r.
President & Govern^r : &c^a Councill. Vizagapatam 15^th^ Oct^er^ : 1688.

Hon^ble^ : S^r^ &c^a^.

Just as wee were Dispatching our Peons on the 13^th^ Instant wee rec^d^ : your Hon^rs^ : &c^a^ : of the twentheth of Sept^r^ : to which shall now respectfully reply.

Wee are greatly rejoyced and incouraged to find that our small endeavours should meet with soe kind a reception from your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ itt being much more then wee deserved or Could Expect and shall Continu dilligently and faithfully to discharge our trust observing all your Hon^rs^ : &c^a^ orders & derections [*sic*] as puntituly [*sic*] as possible.

In ours of the 11^th^ Instant wee have allready represented to your Hon^r^ &c^a^ th fears wee had of our Merch^ts^ : bringing in this investment wee daly encourage them with fair words & believe they will doe what possibly they can to comply with there contract wherein wee shall asist them to the utmost of our power they are very poore & have nothing of there own to bring in goods beforehand which is a great hinderence to our business itt takeing up much time to provide on investment after wee have delievered them our mony wee are indeavoring to perswaid some rich Merch^ts^ : to come from Matchlepatam Madapolam & Pettepollee they haveing nothing to doe in those parts and humbly conceive that a word or two from your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ woul much encourage them to come hither wee shall allwayes try what we can doe with some Merch^ts^ : to y^e^ northward and [*a word or two lost*] hope to be better provided then wee are att present.

Wee shall order our [*a few words lost*] supply [*a few words lost*] pleased to [*a few words lost*] next and if your Hon^r^ &c^a^ pleases to Send us large Supply three quarter and one quarter in Europe goods no greens and for Perpetuanos to be her [*sic*] in march next wee doe not question but shall be able to make an Investment ready for the Bengall Ship in December.

Gunnys Ropes and Twine shall be provided according to your Hon^r^ &c^a^ orders & sent as soone as maid [*sic*] which will take up some time & shall Endeavour to procure the quantity of Ebbony & Sticklack.

M^r^ Fleetwood treatment with the Seir Lascar is mentiond in our former to which we humbly referr.

Our business goes on currantly att present & find no disadvantage for want of the town government haveing maid frindship with y^e^ Seir Lascar & rec^d^ his Cowl & Roccas to all parts from gangam to Pentecoat Soe that our Distiks pass Currantly which priviledg [*sic*] is denied the Dutch at Bemlepatam and shall not offer the renting of the Town except itt may be advantagious to the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ either by a proffitt or in the mannagm^t^ of their Hon^rs^ : affairs.

The Charge of the fatory [*sic*] is now as low as possible be brought which your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ will find by the Stewards Acc^t^ Currant for August & September Charges building Excepted which shuld now take of as wee orderd in Consultation formerly if our circumstances would permit but finding the factory house Extrordinary rotten being maid of mud walls & part of the seconds lodgings fallen down these last raines & the rest not able to stand long wee must Shortly be forced to pull all down & build a new one which will cost Pag^os^ : 500 or therebouts [*sic*] & shall be as frugall therein assuring your Hon^r^ &c^a^ that necessity forces us to this Charge & hope our trade and the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Comp^a^ : advantage thereby will answare the Expence.

Wee have att present but one boat and no timbers in town to build more shall Endeavour to procure some and make conveniances for y^e^ Dispatch of Shipping and if your Hon^r^ : &c^a^ : will please to supply us with to [*sic*] or three Portonovo boats that Carrey each about Eighteen bailes they would be very fitting for this barr but mussulaes of little use here wee humbly desire your Hono^r^ &c^a^ : to send us Six large Tarpailins to secure our bailes from y^e^ Spray of the barr and Sea & accidentall sores of raine.

Mr: Dubois his complaint for want of accomodation Surprises us hee haveing as good as the factory affords & as many lodging rooms as the Second who had the Choice of them which was Mr Halls kindness to him or any oathers [*sic*] Except the Cheifs the rest of the Rt. Honble: Compas: Servts: here having no more then each on roome wee shall geive [*sic*] him better if the place will allow itt when w [*sic*] come to build.

John Oneal upon his request shall have leave to go to the Fort & Conicoply [*a word or two lost*] was neaver [*sic*] denied itt esteeming his absence most for [*a word orlwo lost*] advantage wch being in answare to your [*a few words lost*] materiall wth. due respect humbly I crave [*a few words lost*] obedient Servt.

[*A second copy of the letter from Surat dated August* 24 *has been omitted here.*]

Honble: Sr &ca:

Wee have wrote your Honr: &ca: by Severall conveyances under ye 9th of May 6th & 14th of June 28th of July the 24th of August in all which wee have from time to time advisd [*sic*] your Honr: &ca: all occurrances of these parts worthy your knowledg wee come now to acquaint [you] yesterday in the evening wee recd: letters from his Excy: our Genll: of 8th Currant wherein he adviseth yt he was then just inbarking upon the Nabobs many [reiterated] invitations & Lately send [*a word lost*] down to bombay his under Customer for sd. purpose in or [*a word or two lost*] his voyage up to this rievers mouth this very morning [*a word lost*] from thence yt he was [*a few words lost*] praised and now in a [*a few words lost*] fair promises &ca [*about a line lost*] Bombay during his Excys. Stay on this Coast but afterwards [Govr] of the same where wee understand he at present other advices of momt: wee have not so at prest: Subcribe

Surratt ye 16th October 1683.

Honble &ca
Your Loveing frinds
& humble Servts.

Wee doe not here of any thing that hath further past between ye Genll: & the Portigues.

Baro: Harris.
Samll: Annesly.

To the Rt: Honble: Elihu Yale Esqr.
President & Govrnr &ca. Councell.

Honble: Sr. &ca. Councell.

Since our last of ye 8th instant wee have been endeovering [*sic*] to bring ye Porto Novo Merchts: to undertake a new contract and at Last have prevailed [*sic*] wth. them to agree to bring in by the 25th. of Janry: to the amot: of Pagos: [30,000] in such Sorts of goods as are required by the lest [*sic*] out of England Vizt: neck cloaths of 16 in a Ps a 1000 ps and comeceies or Comerloos 4000 ps: the Rest in long cloth ordry at ye last prise and to be Sorted at Portonovo for wch. to receive according to ye your Honr: &ca: proposalls. ½ ready mony ⅙ in Silver and ⅓ in Europ goods at ye prises the Conimear merchts: receive theirs and ye same sort if your Honr: &ca: pleases to accept of this agreement wee desire you will send them Ready mony as soon as you can to set them at worck the french haveing maid them an offer to give them Silver at the market prise to what amot. they please to furnish them with course goods for their occations altho they have great stores of Europe goods to Dispose of.

Herewith goes a letter of Complaint by the boatman at Porto novo against one called John the Dutch who being at the fort desire your Honr: &ca: to rectifie the businesse otherwise it may be of bad Consiquence when wee have occasion for those people.

Mr. Ingram advises that Mr. Willson is not creadited for the Pag^{os} 2100 delivered him to buy Paddy y^{e} Acc^{t}: whereof please to send y^{t} it may be done and alsoe that M^{r} John Willcox stands indebted Pag^{os}: 18 for 9 yards broad cloath spareed [*sic*] him for his own use and that the Gen^{ll}: Books Cannot be Cloased for want of M^{r} Cranwells acco$^{ts.}$ yet behind which is all att preasent [*sic*] from

Hon^{ble}: S^{r} &c$^{a.}$

Your most obedient Servants

JOHN NICKS.

JOHN DEVETT.

To THE R^{T} WORP^{LL} JOB CHARNOCK AGENT & GOVER^{OR} FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T} HON^{BLE}: COMP^{A} IN Y^{E} BAY OF BENGALL &C^{A}:

Dacka 29 [*a few words lost*].

S$^{rs.}$

Our last to your Worsp^{ll} &c^{a}: was the 27 Currt [just] now came in yours of the 20th ditto wherein well diesred that your requests as to a fort &^{c} could not be complyed wth: with that Expedition as you Expected because the Dutch boremull thinke it not convenient to intimate any thing therefore untill some account be giveing to the navob by Millick of your intentions w^{ch}: is daly Expected on the arrivall of w^{ch} boath the duan & boremull have promised for worke so upon the Navob y^{t} may induce him to grant the request w^{ch}: they will urge more that ticularly [*sic*] as to the [form ?] that wee have no ill design thereby but to secure perrsons [*sic*] & estates from the Violation that may be offerd by the Subordinate Govern$^{ts.}$ wherefore wee humbly Entreate your Worship &c$^{a.}$ would be pleased to give us 25 dayes time more for the effecting the same and not to proceed till the last of November w^{ch} wee Earnestly pray & Subscribe

We shall deliver y^{e} Arrdatt in y^{e} morning it being now night.

Your most humble & obedient Servants

(Sd.) C: EYRE.

R. BRADDYLL.

CHARLES EYRE.

R. BRADDYLL.

To THE HON^{BLE}: ELIHU YALE ESQ$^{R.}$ PRESIDENT & GOVRN^{R}: &C^{A} COUNCELL.

Conimere the 30th Oct^{er}: 1688.

Hon^{ble}: S^{r} &c$^{a.}$

Your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: of the 19th instant by M^{r} Daniell Gyfford wee have rec^{d}: as alisoe y^{e} Pag$^{os.}$ 10,000 for the Portonovo merch^{ts}: wee sent forward [and delive]red them and desire you will please to forward [the remai]ning part for these merch^{ts}: [*a word lost*] them as soon as Conve [*a word or two lost*] permitt likewise supply for our fact [*a few words lost*] being att [*a few words lost*] out of Cash.

Wee did not apprehend that wee had exceeded [o^{r}] piece [?] of [fine] goods more then w^{t} was in the last and supposeing that there bing [*sic*] Different investments it was noe error to provide the same quantitys thereof at each place but if it proves contrary to your Hon^{r} &c^{a}: Expectation wee crave your pardon it not being now to remedyed altho wee have endeavoured to the utmost of our powers to doe it nither [*sic*] will the merch$^{ts.}$ be perswaided to Increase their investment feareing [*sic*]

thro the Smallness of the time it will be hard for them to Comply with w^t^: they have allredy [*sic*] undertaken for but wee have a promise from the Portonovo merch^ts^. of a quantity of single threaded Cotton yarne fine Indigoe & pepper the musters thereof and prices wee daly expect and as soon as rec^d^: shall send him forward four [*sic*] your Hon^r^ &c^a^: perushall [*sic*] and approbation.

The Severall accompts and the Accomptants queries wee sent forward to M^r^ Ralph Ingram who has not as yet sent an answare thereto but M^r^ Willson acco^ts^: of the Paddy advised to be sent wee have not receivd w^ch^ please to forward by the next.

Herewith goes a list of what Europe goods wee have in our Godowne to whic [*sic*] we refferr and at preasent Crave leave to Subscribe

Hon^ble^: S^r^ &c^a^:

Your most obedient servants

JOHN NICKS.

DANIELL GYFFORD.

JOHN DEVETT.

Dacca November y^e^ 3^rd^ 1688.

TO THE R^T^ WORSP^LL^ JOB CHARNOCK AGENT & GOVERN^R^
FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E^ R^T^ HON^BLE^: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A^:
IN THE BAY OF BENGALLA &C^A^ COUNCILL.

S^rs^.

Our last to your Worsp &c^a^: was the 29^th^ past m^o^ since here yours of the 24^th^ D^o^ [in w^ch^] wee humbly intreated 25 dayes time from y^e^ Date hereof [*a few words lost*] of your request w^ch^: wee are in a fair way of procuering [*sic*] [by y^e^ Assis]tance of Boremull who this morning sent for us [*a few words lost*] told us that he had discovered y^e^ Nabob largly concerning [*a few words lost*] had gotten his Consent & promise of his Pwanne [*a few words lost*] in few dayes wee ℔sume [*a few words lost*] made for there speed therein [*about half a line lost*] waite for its arrivall which pray God prosper wee are

R^t^ Worsp^ll^: &c^a^: S^rs^.

Your very hum^ble^: & obedient Serv^t[s]^

CHARLES EYRE.

ROGERE BRADDYLL.

Dacca November y^e^ 12^th^ 1688.

TO THE R^T^ WORSP^LL^: JOB CHARNOCK AGENT & GOVEN^R^
FOR AFFAIRES OF Y^E^ R^T^ HON^BLE^ COMP^A^:
IN Y^E^ BAY OF BENGALL &C^A^: COUNCELL.

S^rs^.

Our last to your Worsp: &c^a^ was y^e^ 3^d^ Currant. The Nabob notwithstanding his promise to Boremull for a grant of your request to send his ℔wanna for Confermation thereof hath not hitherto thought fitt to Comply altho wee have given a

wrighting under our hands & Seales to assist him with our Shipping for 2 m^{s} for the transportation of 1000 horse & 2000 foot as ℔ the enclosed Coppy but hath wrote an answere to Cap^{t}: Heaths Arrurdaast wherein he promises to doe it upon your Confirmation of y^{e} same by an Arrurdaast & will send downe Boremull to treate wth you further hereabouts upon its Arrivall here.

S^{rs}.

Wee are of opinion if a lettle [*sic*] more time was allowed for accomodating matters twould be much to the R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Intrest y^{e} reason wee Could not procure an answare to Cap^{t}· W^{m}· Heaths arrurdaast sooner is y^{e} great affliction y^{e} Nabob labours under for y^{e} Death of his wife & severall others of his family w^{ch}: hath made him incapaeble [*sic*] for these severall Dayes of any business y^{e} hole City Cryes out & would be glad there Could be an exchange there oppressions being soe great & not to be parralled wee have great reason to beleve [*sic*] that wee shall in a short time be brought into great trouble haveing already spyes upon us & our actions Wee are

R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: S^{rs}· &c^{a}:
Your Obedient Serv^{ts}:
CHARLES EYRE.
ROGER BRADDYLL.

Translate of a Letter from Coge Abnuce att Golconda to y^{e} Hon^{ble}: Elihu Yale bearing Date Nov^{br} y^{e} 9th 1688.

I enjoy good health & should be glad to here the same from y^{r} Hon^{r}· Tis not long Sence I had y^{e} good fortune to rec [*a few words lost*] wherein I [*about a line or two lost*].

There is lately arrivd here from the mighty Allingeer one Beshansraut Cawn who is sent as Supervisor of y^{e} territories of Golcondah. I have been peculiarly honourd by him to discurse freely about the Comp^{as}· negociations wherein hee [Seems?] to be well inclind and I hope to will be as reall in action as decleration [*sic*] hee Desings [*sic*] suddainly to viset [*sic*] your parts w^{ch} when hee does desire your Hon^{r} to shew him all y^{e} respect & favour you can possably y^{e} more to oblege [*sic*] him & accordenly mak him a present of rarities &c^{a} suitable to his quality which your Hon^{r}: to let itt be accompanied by some of y^{e} understandin [*sic*] people that they may Congratulate his arrivall & use the rest of the Ceremonies which are Customary to great persons especially to him who sets att the helme of Governm^{t} & manages y^{e} hole [*sic*] affairs of Golconda therefore once more desire you not to slight y^{e} offer since I am ℔swaded hee will be very serviceable on all occations not butt that I know your Hon^{r} needs [*sic*] not to be minded of your owne Intrest itt being an axiome observed by all nations yet y^{e} multiplicity of business in your Hon^{r}: many weighty affairs I thought might probably divert you from itt w^{ch}: Consideration has thus Causd [*sic*] me iterate but being done under a sence of zeal too I hope these will excuse mee for my prolixity.

There is allso arrivd here the king of Syams Embassider who itt seems by his workeing has brought severall Complaints against y^{e} English whatt they are Certainly I cannot as yet learne butt this he has already calumniated y^{t} what ships & people has been taken for some time were by y^{e} English to w^{ch}: aspersion I gave for answare y^{t} sev^{ll}: English had been detained in his kings Service & acted according to his order w^{ch}: Could be no other y^{n} them moreover y^{e} Rybor alleadges y^{t} what was taken ℔' the English Shabander was sent to M^{r} Lucas att Madrassapatam hee is now Designing to Carry his greivances to y^{e} Mogull where I intend to follow him y^{t} I may answeare his objections w^{t}: may happen afterwards I shall largely acquaint your Hon^{r}: thereof.

From Señ: Gregorio I am given to understand your Hon^{r}: was displeased with me for my taciturnity in not writing to your Hon^{r}: oftner for w^{ch}: my apolou plead the [*sic*] for itt self that I advisd your Hon^{r} so often as any occasions require w^{ch}. I question not will be my excuse and tho tis my duty yet my Inclinations too lead me to tender your Hon^{r}: y^{e} offers of my humble service w^{ch}: if theres any thing in my power please to lay your Hon^{rs}. Commands on me wherein none shall more studiously sett themselves to understand & observe them then.

To the Hon^{ble}: Elihu Yale Esq^{r} Conimeere the 15th Nov^{r} 1688.
President & Govern^{r} &c^{a} Councell.

Hon^{ble} S^{r} &c^{a}:

[*A few words lost*] from y^{e} Por [*two or three lines lost*] Hon^{r} &c^{a}: for your ℔usall and upon youre [*sic*] orders what [*a word or two lost*] now we will Endeavour what we can to bring them to [*a word or two lost*] Certain advice that the french gives Pag^{os}: 22 ℔ Candy for the [*a word or two lost*] sort of Pepper and under that wee fear shall not procure itt.

The 29th past too Ships appeared in Sight of us & past by to [the] Northward and y^{e} next day wee saw another at anchar about Mara cawn and supposeing she might be sent for the this Port we put out our Colours which they answard not again therefore sent of a note by a Cattamaran to inquire what she was and wheither bound who returnd wth. a Letter from Thomas Fleming acquainting us that his ship belongd to y^{e} R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: his name was the Bencoolen merch^{t}. and that your Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: designd him for y^{e} west Coast but his Ship y^{e} Doroth and Delight were driven out of madr [*a few letters lost*] road by stresse of weather & since his departure from thence many of his men fel sick Soe for want of a supply he Could not weigh his anchor and desired wee would speedyly send him 10 or 12 lascars who not being to be procured here wee sent to Pullicherry where wee thought it was most probably to get them but the next day after wee rec^{d}: his letter early in the morning he maid saile and stood of to sea & in the afternoon the wind veerd to the Eastward fair for him to get up again to the Fort where wee hope he is long since arrived soe wee Dismists [*sic*] the Lascars again wth a small gratitude for their willingness to serve us on our occasions.

Be pleasd to be mindfull of our former requests for a supply of Paper and ink not haveing any left to write a letter and for a Considerable time none to carry on our books and have been forced to overlook all the old Books in the factory for paper to make notes for Bales alsoe if you please by the first Conveyance to send us a supply of wheat it will be very acceptable for wee have not had any bread at our table this three months past w^{ch} is all wee have att present to advise soe subscribe

Hon^{ble}: S^{r} &c^{a}.

Your most obedient Servants

John Nicks.

Daniell Gyfford.

John Devett.

To the Hon^{ble}: Elihu Yale Esq^{r}
Gov^{r}· of Fort S^{t} George & City of Madrass
and President for Affairs of y^{e}
R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: English East India Comp^{a}:
over the Coast of Cormandell Bay of Bengalla &
South Seas &c^{a} Councell.

Hon^{ble}: S^{rs}· &c^{a}·

[*About two or three lines lost*] arrived in this road the 14th 7^{ber} and Cap^{t}: Heath wth us at Chutanuttee y^{e} 25th 7^{ber} which place we left the 10th Currant y^{e} 15th 7^{ber} and arrived here y^{e} 16th Ditto the Ships Resolution & W^{m}: son Drew so much water that they Could not come over y^{e} braces and necessitated to goe thro ther [*sic*] new Depths [are as] yet not arrived but now expected daly.

Our Circumstances wth: the Governm^{t}: at preasent are very Dubious for from Dacca we receive encouragement from our frinds there to expect a ℔wanna shortly w^{ch} if comes pray God may be too [*sic*] our satisfaction tho on the other hand they are very abusive at Ballasore Detaining there y^{e} ℔sons wth Henry Stanley & M^{r} John Haynes wth: divers others belonging to y^{e} Shipping as alsoe y^{e}: R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Goods not ℔mitting any provisions what soeever to come of nor will they suffer any of our Boats to passe there new erected ffort at the Banksaul so that wee cannot get good water of the shore they lately since our arrivall in y^{e} road ℔mitted M^{r} Haynes to come to the Banksaul who from thence advised us that they Desired some ℔sons might be sent to treat of peace advising alsoe a ℔son to be coming from Dacca wth terms in order to it but that y^{e} Gov^{r} threatned that in Case wee committed any acts of hostilitie he would put all the English wth him to the Sword and imediatly Confiscate w^{t}: goods on shore to y^{e} Kings use & run them up into y^{e} Country past our regaining them.

This comes by Cap^{t}: W^{m} Pennestone Connemeer merch^{t} who as he is to touch at Sever^{ll}: Places on the Coast hath our order to Dispeed it at the first Convenient port by A Pattamarr w^{ch} we wish safely to arrive you & remaine

Hon^{ble} S^{r} &c^{a}
Your most humble Servants
Job Charnock.
Francis Ellis.

Abord y Ship new Defence
in Ballasore road 19th 9^{ber} 1688.

M^{r} Trenchfeild & M^{r} Peachie
are in the ships behind.

from the prison of Tannassare
Novemb^{r}· 20th 1688.

R^{t} Hon^{ble}: &c^{a} Councell

This serves to give you the trouble for to let you understand the strange allterations that hath hapned in Syam Mergin and Tennassare since the Departure of M^{r} John Hill from Mergin being y^{e} 1st· of May 1688 I being bound in Company with him [*a word or two lost*] George with a Cargo of rice bownd [*sic*] for Atcheen but [*a word or two lost*] George being very Cranke & Leakey [*cetera desunt*].

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